

Where will all this snow go?

TSW crews plan for spring

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

All this snow has to go somewhere in the next few weeks, and people south of Haliburton County are afraid it's all going to come their way in one giant swoosh.

If they had their druthers, the Trent Severn Waterways would be lowering the levels in Highlands lakes right now to prevent a repeat performance of last spring's

flooding. When the snow melts, they argue, the lake levels will rise to normal and everyone will be happy.

But Highlands residents who have to take their boat out in mid-July because their lake water is swimming in the Kawarths are jealously possessive. They don't want the TSW to take any more water from Highlands lakes than is absolutely necessary. If the Kawarths want our water in summer, they can take our snow in spring.

Caught between two masters is the TSW. It is often lower in the popularity polls than the water levels in August on Hawk Lake or federal Conservative government which controls how much water the reservoir system donates to the Trent Canal.

"Most people know how to do this job after the fact," Blaine Trumbley says drily in a telephone interview. The Peterborough-based TSW water control technician says "we do as much preparation as we

can, but with the forecasting of the rainfall, the meteorologists can hardly ever tell us what amount we're going to get."

Last year the melt off was flowing smoothly southward when there were four inches of April showers in a day and a half. "We were right in the swing of things and then the rainfall occurred and turned everything into a flood. Everything thing we had prepared all winter for was shot down in a couple of days.

"There are physical limits as to just how much water we can move in a given day — manpower, how many logs you can pull, whether some of the manual dams are frozen in. . ."

The people in northern Victoria County were wet and not amused. They held public meetings blaming the TSW for not doing enough to prevent the mess, and demanded financial restitution for flood damages.

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RUSHING TOWARDS SPRING: With lots of snow still to melt, some people are wondering whether the spring of '92 will bring floods of '92. The TSW is monitoring its dams, such as the one at Dover's Hill, weekly.

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Community pays tribute:

Glamorgan centre filled with Bob McCausland's mourners

by MARTHA PERKINS
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Bob McCausland would have been proud of the sight of hundreds of family members, friends and former constituents crowded into the Glamorgan Community Centre to pay their last respects to their long-time reeve.

After surviving two heart transplants, the long-time reeve died Tuesday night, a few weeks after going through yet another heart operation.

On Saturday, what would have been his 28th wedding anniversary with his wife Joan, the community held a memorial service to honour the man who dedicated so much of his life to the municipality.

"He was a very energetic person who enjoyed life to the fullest and always wanted to have a good time," Gooderham businessman Ron Barr told the standing-room-only crowd. McCausland was born in Lindsay in January, 1943 and went to school there. He served in the army for three years and went overseas with the peace corps. On March 21, 1964, he married Joan Stoughton, and became immersed in Glamorgan life. He worked 10 years at General Motors, 10 years at Stoughton Electric, and for the past eight years, was manager of the Schwandt hardware store and lumberyard in Gooderham.

During that time, McCausland served 15 years on Glamorgan council, including nine as reeve. After recovering from the two transplants, his year as warden, 1988, was very important to him and he served believing that along with all the hours of work came the privilege of being the head of county council.

The present warden, Snowdon Reeve George Simmons, held a

minute of silence for McCausland at Wednesday's council meeting. On Saturday, Simmons drove from a hockey tournament in Toronto to tell everyone that McCausland led by example and will be deeply missed.

In November 1991, with an electorate fired up about the municipality's implementation of market value assessment, McCausland lost his bid as reeve to Beverly MacDuff.

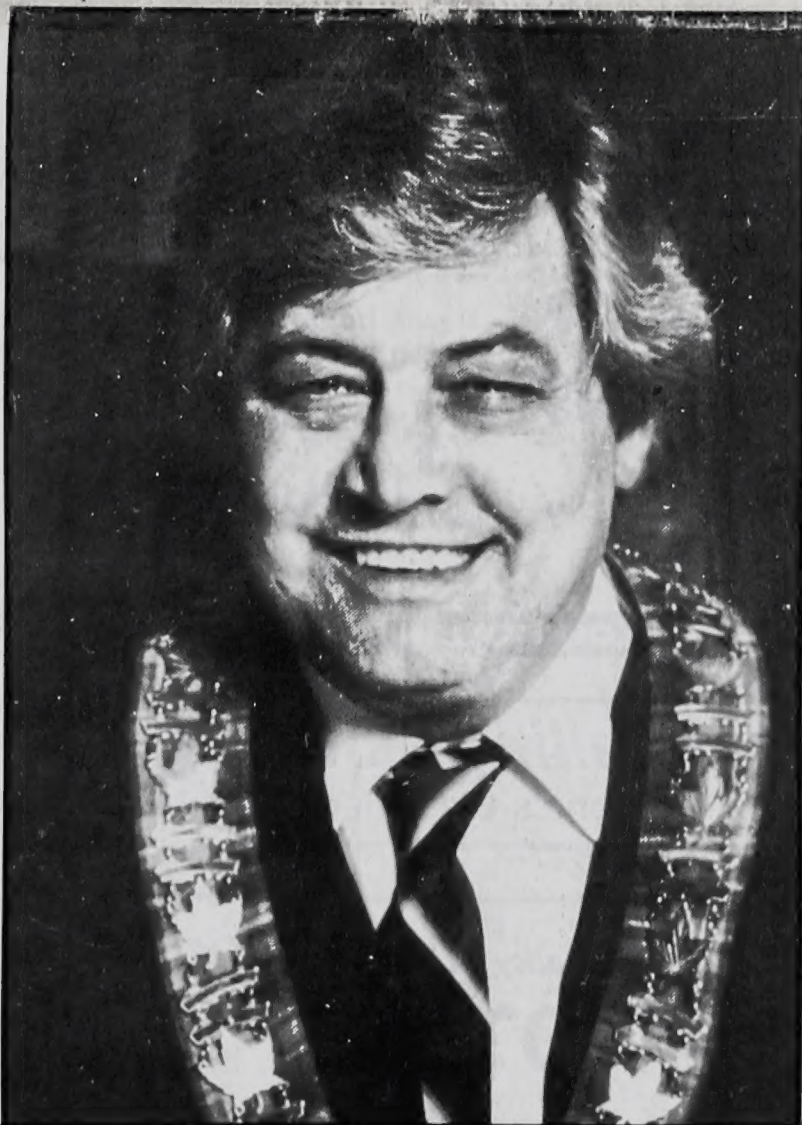
While on council, many projects were dreamed of and brought to fruition, including the community centre where the memorial was held. A new municipal building was constructed to house various agencies, and the roads were improved without debt. A fire department was started, equipped and housed.

Not wanting others to know all was not well, Barr says, "he stood strong against the struggle of pain." On February 6, Barr took him for a snowmobile tour of local trails; two days later McCausland was participating in the Stump Jumpers Poker Run.

Like many others, Barr will remember Bob McCausland having fun. Happy to stay home with family, he was also a gregarious man who loved to go dancing with his wife.

Pastor Brian Williamson remembered those fun times too, and reminded people that if they are to judge McCausland's character, they must recognize the many years McCausland unselfishly dedicated to his community.

When Williamson, who was the Pentecostal minister for two years in Gooderham, asked his friend if he was prepared to die, he says McCausland "considered the possibility and said 'I'll live until I die. I'll live life to the fullest and



'Bob McCausland was an energetic person who lived life to the fullest and always wanted a good time'

Ron Barr

when I go I'll be remembered for my energy."

"Bob could have given up a long time ago but he lived for others and in an excited way," Williamson said. Sometimes he was a little too excited thanks to alcohol, and he could anger people by continuing to smoke after the transplants, but Williamson told the crowd "before you judge anyone, check out your own life.

"Think of all the things he did for his community and family," Williamson said. God does not judge us by our faults. "God hears your heart and there's no special formula of words (which will get you to heaven.) We should look to

our God and we should overlook other people's faults. Don't judge, forgive. . . He enjoyed life and how many of us can say that today?"

"Mr. Bob McCausland never bore a knife towards me and I've had people in church bear knives towards me. All he wanted to do was get the job done. I'm not going to try to measure Bob's life against mine? Do you measure up to Bob McCausland?"

Elva Bates, Glamorgan's long-time clerk-treasurer, was asked after the service what McCausland was like to work with all those years. She remembered back to the last council meeting they had

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Taxpayers won't feel bite of county's new budget

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It took a lot of revisions and meetings, but on Wednesday, county council formally passed its 1992 budget, with an increase of 4.8 percent.

But when you add in the two percent growth last year in Haliburton County, the chairman of the management committee, Chris Hodgson, says individual taxpayers will only feel a three percent increase.

Warden George Simmons harkened back to last year, when the county was given a preliminary budget increase of 48 percent and brought it down to 37, an increase which sparked the formation of the Haliburton County Tax Coalition. This year the county was faced with a 13 percent increase and almost cut it by two thirds.

Council is caught in the middle of a tug of war, Simmons says: the province is pressuring it to provide more services and the taxpayers are demanding low tax increases.

"I want to thank every council

trim \$2,000 off various administration costs.

Another big cost is Hyland Crest, but council accepted the

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Chris Hodgson

member who endured the process and Chris Hodgson for guiding us through this difficult time," Simmons said.

In the past, Hodgson has stressed that the county could not blame a budget increase on skyrocketing welfare costs, saying the county had a lot of discretionary spending it could control.

"Our overall spending went down if you take out the mandated costs" such as social assistance, Children's Aid Society (\$76,404) and the Health Unit (a three percent increase to \$113,000), the Dysart reeve said.

"It's the best we can do. But there's always room for improvement next year. Local government is truly the people's government and if anyone has any suggestions, let us know."

However, council was able to keep spending down while increasing the budget of the roads department to give a boost to the local economy and improve infrastructure.

A total of \$4,230,000 will be spent on county roads, with the county picking up \$1,132,000. (For details, please see separate story on the roads.) Last year the county spent \$876,000.

The next biggest chunk of the budget is for the 52 percent increase in social assistance. Obligated to pay an average of 20 percent of the costs, the county's portion is \$621,029. Council did

THIS WEEK

Drainville wants to hear views

Victoria-Haliburton MPP Dennis Drainville will host a series of open public forums in the riding throughout the coming year.

The first forum is scheduled for April 11 at the Kinmount Community Centre starting at 2 p.m. One will be held about every three months including one in the Haliburton/Minden area for which a date has not yet been set.

"I look forward to these forums as a chance to touch base with the communities and the people that make up Victoria-Haliburton," Drainville said in a press release. "I hope I will be able to meet with as many concerned citizens as possible to deal with issues that are specific to each community."



KNIT ONE, PURL TWO: Finding clothes for small enough for premature babies can be quite a struggle; paying for them is even harder for cash-strapped hospitals whose washing machines are rather harsh on the delicate clothing. Guardian Drugs is coming to the rescue with its Guardian Angels program. People are asked to knit tiny baby booties, mitts and bonnets (instructions are available at the drug store) and drop them off in the bin. The clothing will then be distributed to various hospitals. At Guardian Drugs in Haliburton, Andrea Johnson, Dr. Amin Shivji and Tracey Bull recognize the need for such a program can provide knitters with more details on how to participate.

Apsley OPP investigate Cardiff events

On March 11, Sandra Jones, a Cardiff resident, found a red gas can in the entrance to her garage. The gas can was partially full of gas. Anyone missing the gas can is asked to contact Apsley O.P.P. for its return.

On March 13, two signs were found on the lawn of 6 Birch St. in Cardiff. The signs were a real estate sign and a donation tote board sign and had been taken from within the village. The caller also advised that her vehicle had egg on it. Police suspect local youths of the pranks and although charges are not being contemplated at the present, they could be if these problems continue.

On March 13, police received two separate reports of prowlers in the village of Cardiff. Unknown persons had walked through backyards on Maple Street as well as Spruce Street. It appears from the footprints that the culprits looked into windows of residences. Police are responding, manpower permitting, with more frequent patrols of Cardiff in the evening hours.

Also on March 13 police recovered a stolen vehicle on a service road south of the Cardiff fire station (2) on Highway 28. The vehicle had been stolen from Toronto. It was recovered approximately 1.2 kms in on the Forest Access Road, on a ski-doo trail. A four wheel drive tow truck had to be used to remove the vehicle. There was no damage to the vehicle and at the present time there are no suspects.

On March 14, police assisted a motorist who was enroute from Maynooth to Peterborough with his wife who was in labour. Police met the vehicle at the Haliburton County line and escorted it to Apsley, where the mother was transferred to an ambulance and then rushed to the hospital.

Reeve is mourned

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together. "He said, 'Elva, we didn't always see eye to eye.' And I said, 'No we didn't, but we've each gained an appreciation of each other's abilities.' We worked well together — he worked well with everyone on council who gave him the opportunity."

At Wednesday's county council meeting, Glamorgan's deputy-reeve, Glen Madill, who served with McCausland for about nine years, said "with Bob's involvement in the community, he's greatly going to be missed."

"Everyone who knew him, I

know will miss him," said McCausland's successor, Beverly MacDuff.

Neighbouring reeve Keith Tallman of Monmouth said "I've always found Bob a very fine person, dedicated. We're really going to miss him."

After the service, people lined up to pay their condolences to Mrs. McCausland and her children, Guy and Robin (Graham), who spent time with each person sharing memories. Bob McCausland also leaves behind two grandchildren, Nikole and Stacey.

Military makes unplanned stop

High winds and snow squalls forced two Canadian Armed Forces helicopters to make emergency landings in West Guilford last Tuesday afternoon.

On route to CFB Petawawa from Guelph, the aircraft landed safely behind the West Guilford Shopping Centre just after 3 p.m. The six army personnel aboard enjoyed a cup of coffee in the store and telephoned Petawawa before resuming their trip an hour later, store employee Rhonda Shaw said.

Later in the week, military airplanes were spotted — they were rather hard to miss — flying low over several lakes.

TSW computer crunches numbers in flood forecasts

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"If we were a flood control agency, then we would have the lakes lower," Trumbley says. But although part of the TSW's mandate is to keep minimum water levels and flow through the Trent Canal system, it is also mandated to take only what is necessary from Highlands lakes.

Trumbley points to the spring of 1988 to illustrate why they can't simply lower water levels to prepare for the spring run-off. "Our trouble is if we left the lakes low in spring, we may have difficulties filling them."

That year, water levels started the season at 85 percent capacity because of drought-like spring conditions. (Most lakes start at 100 percent capacity, but a few lake associations have requested that be dropped three or four percentage points, and the TSW usually complies.) As summer progressed, the people in the Haliburton County were dry and not amused, and demanded to be able to keep more of their water.

The problem is whether warm days are accompanied by lots of rain. If the weather conditions continue with warm days and cool nights, there should be few problems. The ground will slowly thaw and when the snow melts, the moisture will be absorbed. Eventually that water will find itself in lakes and rivers, but it's a slow process.

But if 20-degree days are followed by warm nights, the snow might melt faster than the ground can absorb it. Where does it go? It runs across roads (that's another problem) and quickly rushes into those same lakes and rivers. Water levels rise, often above their banks and into people's basements.

Another determining factor is the "water equivalency" of the snow. "It's difficult to estimate the amount of water from the depth of snow only — it's the amount of

water that's in the snow," Trumbley says. Right now, much of the snow is light and porous. If it rains, it will become heavy, with a greater water content.

Every week, local TSW crews are measuring the snow pack and weather conditions. This information is put into a computer and crunched into flow forecasts. Many people have criticized the TSW for relying on a computer when the human eye could do a better job. But Trumbley says "the computer is not making our decisions. We also use our own experiences and judgement."

The computer uses averages, and normal conditions to guess what's going to happen. "I don't

know what's normal," Trumbley says of the computer's main drawback. "It's the average but there's hardly an average day. It's always one side (of average) or another. If we have a nice sunny, clear day and it goes to plus three degrees for three or four hours, that's no big deal. But if it's plus three all day and all night, that makes water."

Rest assured there will be water this spring. How much remains to be seen. If someone can look into the future, the TSW would like to hear from you. All they know for certain right now is there are bound to be complaints as winter continues its transformation into spring.

Spring also poses many ups and downs for roads department

Roads departments often find themselves facing the same dilemma as the Trent Severn Waterway — it's easier to know what you should have done after the problems have occurred.

"I don't know how you can judge it," says Dave Valentine, the county's road engineer, when asked if this will be a rough spring on roads. "It all depends on the weather."

Unfortunately, no one has yet perfected the art of forecasting what combination of sunshine and rain nature has in store for us. So right now the department is depending on regular roads inspections, past experiences and crossed fingers.

Valentine says that one of the drawbacks of a Highlands spring is there's not much earth in the ground. When the snow melts, it can only go so far before it reaches rock and searches out an escape route. "Water will get out wherever it can," and that route

often flows across roads.

Sometimes that water also gravitates towards what are known as spring heaves. These are areas of ice under the ground's surface, usually where there's rock. If the water migrates towards the spring heave during the warm days, it may freeze into even more ice during cold nights. When spring truly does arrive, that ice melts and potholes and broken pavement can be left behind.

To prevent frost heaves, Valentine says crews would have to dig out the rocks and put in diversion pipes. The cost of such a project makes it highly unfeasible.

To prevent tiny rivers from appearing across roads, a grader could run its wing along the bottom of the snowbank, carving out a channel of snow into which the water can flow. But few Highlands roads are wide enough for such a manoeuvre.

People can help the department's damage control by notifying it when any problem areas spring up.

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County roads put \$1-million in salaries into the economy

by MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

With a payroll of more than \$1-million, the county roads department hopes to provide some much-needed local employment while smoothing the pathways everyone must travel to get to work — or the relaxation offered by cottage life.

This year, the department decided to capitalize on the provincial funding structure which says the more money you spend, the more the province will give you. By spending a total of \$4,130,000 on maintenance, construction and staff, the province will pay approximately 70 percent of the costs. The bill to county taxpayers is \$1,320,000, and most of that money goes directly back into the county, says Lewis Stevens, Anson, Hindon and Minden's deputy-reeve as well as chairman of the county's roads committee.

In 1991, county council decided to cut costs by spending a total of \$876,000 on roads, even though more provincial funding was available. As the economy continued to stagnate, however, the

consensus seemed to be that the county had to stimulate economy and improve local infrastructure.

Details of the budget have yet to be finalized, says county engineer Dave Valentine, who accepted the post four months ago and has yet to become totally familiar with all the cracks in the roads system.

"The biggest benefit is the money it's bringing into the county," he says of the budget. Travellers will also be glad that the more roads will be re-surfaced than once thought possible in the straightened economic times. "We should be able to have the surfaces in quite reasonable shape."

Some of the work will be done with extra day labour, and Valentine says some private companies' equipment will be rented. "I can't put a figure on it but it will be quite a lot."

For those worried about taxes, Valentine says "hopefully (some of the work) will cost less, but if it costs more, we have a cushion." As well, "the engineering staff are checking the road sections in the Needs Study so in future we can base our maintenance program on a section basis, with a zero-based budget."

The following are some details of work planned, as outlined in the roads report presented at Wednesday's county council meeting. Much of the work is based on the needs study, which prioritizes

various projects' importance:

County Road 12 (Livingstone): Spring problems indicate ditching and culvert work may be more extensive than first thought.

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Programs on hold in 1992 county budget

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senior citizens home's proposed budget of \$434,900, a 4.8 percent increase over last year.

As reported last week, council was able to save tens of thousands of dollars by postponing both the Official Plan and the Waste Management Master Plan.

With the WMMP, Hodgson said the consultants were steering towards an engineered landfill site, which would cost millions of dollars. "It's doubtful there will come a day when 12,000 (residents of Haliburton County) can afford to build it."

"When you start these things, you have to envision beforehand where they're going to go. . . Council worked together as a group to prioritize what we'll do. We won't take on every project. We'll do it at a leisurely fashion we can afford."

Council will still apply for the maximum of \$50,000 available in provincial funding for the OP, and put it into an account for when the OP gets on its feet again. Last year, the county expected to get \$70,000 and budgeted for it, although only \$10,000 was forthcoming.

County Planner/Development Officer Mark Stagg will be moving over to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Negotiations are still underway, but the county has set aside a maximum of \$110,000 for the joint effort to promote and market the Highlands to potential tourists and businesses. The Chamber had asked for \$52,500.

"There's quite a bit of overlap (between promoting tourism and economic development) but it's up to the Chamber to prioritize and see where they want to go," says Hodgson. "Any agreement will have to be approved by the Chamber and county council."

The library budget was cut from a requested \$87,200 to \$82,200. "It's hoped the committee will work with budget and these reductions will take place in areas with the least detrimental impact."

Some of the nuts and bolts changes were in general administration. This year, council decided to hold meetings once every month, instead of eight times a year. To cut down on council fees, however, the budget process pared that down to only one extra meeting. Council will not meet in April, July and October.

Under committee meeting fees, the figure was reduced by taking out staff salaries. As well, staff will receive a tax-free travel allowance but will not be paid for trips within the county on county business. Mileage rates stay at 31 cents a

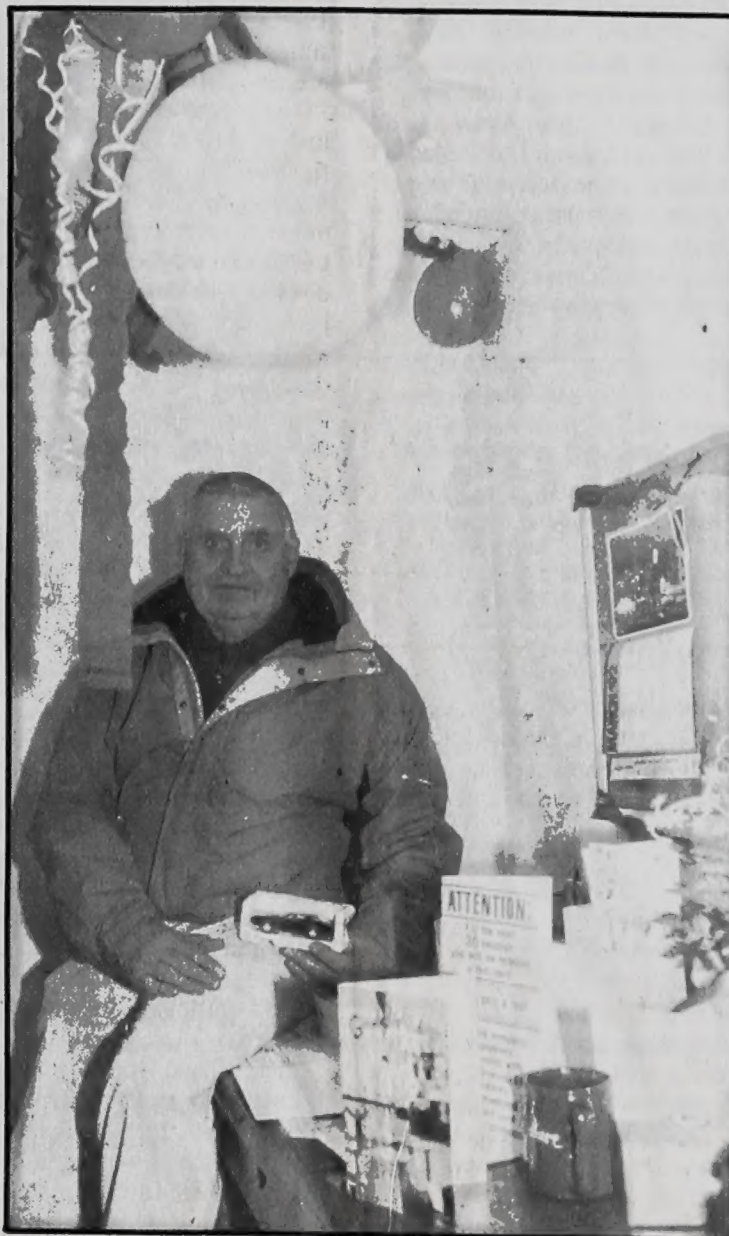
kilometre. (In a related item, councillors and staff will now have to fill out travel sheets documenting expenses.)

Another sign of the times is the warden's banquet will continue to be free for guests, but guests will have to pay for their own alcohol.

"I don't think we've cut back on services to the people," Hodgson said.

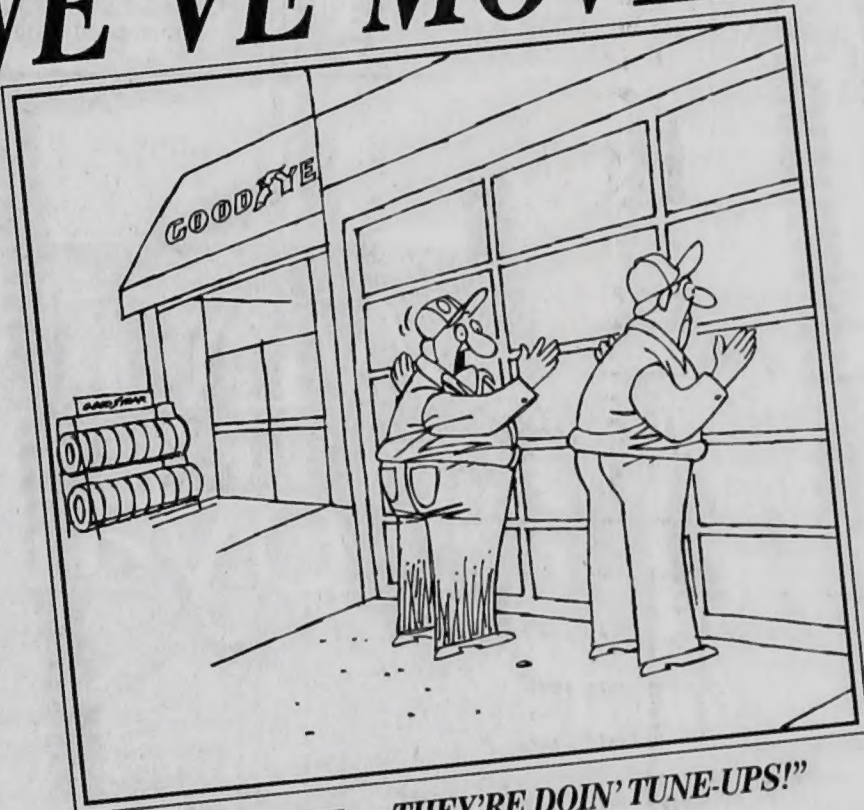
The county budget accounts for approximately 25 percent of a property tax bill. Individual municipalities account for 15 percent, and the school board eats up 60 percent.

A FEIR DAY



MAN OF THE HOUR: Last Thursday could have been proclaimed "Creighton Feir Week" if the number of birthday wishes which came his way were an indication of this long-time businessman's popularity. Throughout the day, the *Echo's* advertising manager fielded dozens of greetings, and his balloon-filled office was a gathering place for cards, faxes and gifts. He sends his thanks in his page 6 column.

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Haliburton Forest may be a Canadian model

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve is trying to become one of a handful of sites that Forestry Canada will chose as a model of sustainable forest development.

The federal government has allotted \$100-million over the next six years to its Partners in Sustainable Development of Forests Program, which will include the establishment of a network of about eight working models. The model forests will function as living laboratories for the most advanced scientific methods, techniques and forestry practices.

"The program was announced in September and I received a lot of encouragement from other groups who told me I should pursue it," Haliburton Forest's part-owner Peter Schleifenbaum told *The Echo*.

The Reserve, which comprises 50,000 acres of land in the northern part of Haliburton County, balances recreational activities such as wilderness camping, snowmobiling, hiking and canoeing with education, research and traditional land use activities such as logging, hunting and fishing.

If chosen as a model forest by Forestry Canada, Haliburton Forest would receive recognition and funding that would enable it to further develop its current integrated resource management practices.

"I truly believe it is a very good, if not outstanding proposal," Schleifenbaum said.

And he's not alone.

Nearly two dozen companies, organizations and individuals have offered their support and participa-

tion for Haliburton's proposal, including Ducks Unlimited, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Long Point Bird Observatory, the University of Toronto, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Germany's University of Goettingen and the World Wildlife Fund.

"The enthusiasm surrounding the creation of Haliburton's Model Forest proposal convinced me of the ultimate merit and need for the concept of a well-balanced partnership, representing all aspects of our natural environment and its uses, which will deal with the complete concept of resource management on an academic as well as practical level," Schleifenbaum said in the official proposal submitted to Forestry Canada late last month.

Through the commitment and expertise that the partners will invest in the forest, he said, a true model for integrated, sustainable resource management will be created. Research in all aspects of resource management and conservation will be conducted, implemented and its results published.

About 100 other organizations across Canada have applied to be chosen as model forests and a National Advisory Committee appointed by the Ministry of Forestry will manage the selection process. The committee will review the proposals until April and is scheduled to announce its selections in June.

Canada has 10 percent of the world's forests and it was estimated in 1989 that one out of every 14 Canadians is employed by forestry. That year, the federal government conducted a study of

the industry called Green Plan and found that the public questioned whether Canada is properly regenerating the forests after harvesting.

Partners in Sustainable Development of Forests will shift the management of Canada's forests from sustained yield to sustainable development through enhanced scientific research, expanded data and knowledge and the development of the model forests.

Sites proposed for the model forests must be large-scale productive forests representative of major forest regions, have various land tenures and must embody non-timber values in addition to timber.



LOTS 'A LOGS: Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve supports a vibrant logging trade among many other land uses including recreational activities, hun-

ting and fishing. The forest has applied to be funded by Forestry Canada as a model forest in the Partners in Sustainable Development of Forests Program.

Forest becomes a classroom

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Our county's vast wilderness will become a classroom when Haliburton Forest gets its outdoor education program up and running this fall.

"It's still in the preliminary stages right now as we're trying to identify what is missing with outdoor education in the area and what we have to offer," says David Bishop Jr., a native Haliburtonian who was hired by Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve a month ago to start the program.

The program, proposed for Grades 7 and up, will have students visiting the privately-owned reserve to take part in educational packages specially tailored for each class's curriculum needs.

Bishop has been meeting with school boards around the province and says the program will basically be in the form of two options: a base camp in which up to about 40 students would go out each day for activities and return to the camp overnight and another one where students would stay out in the forest and either camp in the wilderness or stay at various lodging facilities.

"I think there's a need for the second one, so students and teachers can get away from the

Students to study the real thing

structured environment of the base camp," he says.

With the second option, he says, students could go from cabin to cabin using different modes of transportation (such as skiing, hiking, snowmobiling and snowshoeing in the winter), would carry and cook their own food and take part in various educational activities.

"The second type of program is the one we're really trying to push — it gives students the opportunity to make their own decisions and take responsibility for them."

Describing himself as a generalist, Bishop has university degrees in outdoor education, education and geography and has worked at various outdoor education schools, the Metro Toronto Conservation Authority, North York Day Centre and the Outward Bound program in Australia. A generalist, he says, is a sort of Jack-of-all-trades and a master of one.

"I just haven't figured out what the one is yet," he says.

With Haliburton Forest's program, Bishop is working hard to ensure that it complements, and doesn't compete with, other programs at YMCA Camp Wanakita and Bark Lake. He points out that the reserve's program will differ from the Institute for Earth Education programs offered at Wanakita because they teach students more about how they fit into the Earth's cycles, while Haliburton Forest's would concentrate more on experiencing the outdoors.

And what an outdoors it is.

Owned by the Schleifenbaum family since 1962, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve comprises 50,000 acres of forested land in the northern part of the county. It operates in the fields of resource management and recreation and has traditional land use activities such as logging, hunting and fishing while at the same time offering wilderness camping, snowmobiling, hiking, and canoeing.

"The Schleifenbaums are very interested in the educational field

and have managed to link it together with traditional forest activities like hunting and logging," Bishop says.

The program, in fact, will capitalize on the juxtaposition of these activities, as students will be able to learn by working alongside actual foresters and seeing the logging process from beginning to end.

"If a class is studying trees or forestry, we'll develop a program for the students to meet the foresters who are out there, they'll help mark trees, help pull them out, assess them and see them being cut at the saw mill."

The program for each particular class will begin with Bishop or others making a visit to the school to meet with the students and teachers and perhaps presenting a slide show to start the learning process.

"Each program won't just be a one-time thing, either," he says. "They'll be designed so teachers can build on them and perhaps even return for another visit."

If a class is learning about aquatic life, he says, their program might involve walking around

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Roads department has plans

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County Road 1: There may be resurfacing of short sections, as well as rebuilding of the stretch from Gelert south to the Lower Dutch Road, to complete the repaving of this road.

Money has been set up for the preliminary design on bridge 20074 on Horseshoe Lake Road. Cost-benefit analysis may recom-

mend strengthening the structure rather than replacing it.

Right-of-way acquisition for future construction is being planned for the Kennis Lake Road, Lower Paudash Road, Livingstone Road, Ingoldsby Road, South Kashagawigamog Road, the Harburn Road, as well as others that may become part of council's longer-range construction plans.

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EDITORIAL

Open secrets

In a story about a Minden development project a few years ago, *The Echo* mentioned that by looking through the records at the registry office, it had discovered the reeve of the time had given a \$10,000 mortgage to his municipality's by-law enforcement officer. Was printing this an invasion of their privacy? The angry calls from those people certainly seemed to indicate so. But the *Echo* felt there was a public good in revealing this private transaction: How could the reeve conduct salary negotiations, or indeed, consider the possibility of terminating the officer's employment, if it was in his best interests to have the loan paid off? Would the by-law officer strictly enforce the rules on properties owned by a person he was indebted to, let alone his "boss"? The article did not suggest any such improprieties had occurred, nor is this editorial doing so. The point was that when the lines between private and public affairs is crossed, the possibility of conflicts is even that much greater.

The mortgage information was quite easy to attain; anyone can go to the registry office and pay a small fee for public record books — you have to know what area you're interested in and can't just say "I'm looking for so-and-so's property." It's amazing what you can learn: is there a lien on the property, what were the conditions of sale, how many mortgages are out and at what percentage? Problem is, you start to learn more than you want to know, and get the uneasy feeling you're glancing through someone's bank account. You also realize someone else could get the same information about you.

The province's proposed conflict of interest laws would make it easier to get such information — and more. All you'd have to do is walk into the municipal office and ask for it. Without the dollar figures attached, you'd find out how much property municipal councillors, committee members and their family members own, what their business interests are, and perhaps even whether they've got any money owing on their MasterCard. Not surprisingly, this does not please a lot of councillors, and is sure to scare off a lot of committee members. In a way, who can blame them? The person seeking the information has no obligation to state why they want it, nor is there any protection against him or her using it maliciously.

Surely there must be a happy medium between a duped public and nosey one. Let's take a local example: during the recent Dysart et al election, everyone knew that Curry Bishop has developed a lot of land, and still owns some of it. Everyone knew that both Chris Hodgson and Robert Heinze sell real estate, and that Hodgson too has done a lot of developing. All three were elected by an informed public. Why should the public then cry foul play? Likewise, in this county how do you tell what is nepotism (the hiring and promotion of relatives) and what is simply choosing the best person for the job? Nepotism is wrong and does exist; we can all think of examples where it has been unfairly used. Yet reality is you don't have to look very far in this county to find someone who's related to someone else. Just look in the phone book or a West Guilford family tree.

There's a difference between being secretive and being private. The public still needs safeguards to know politicians are acting in the public's best interest, not for private gain. Politicians need to know their private lives aren't an open book (at least on paper. Privacy can be a rare commodity in small towns.) Some councillors agree to disclose the information but don't want it made public. Who should decide what requests are legitimate? The municipal clerk? That puts the clerk in a very awkward situation. One suggestion is that if the public wants politicians to be open, then the public must be open; if a search is being done, the councillor should be allowed to argue why his private life should be kept private. Now to find the moderator.

M.P.

COMMENTS



Photo by Len Pizzezy

No wonder Canada's in mess

TO THE EDITOR

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

The March 17th edition of the *Haliburton Echo*, goes a long way to explaining the mess this country now finds itself in!

On the front page there was Dr. Good commenting on the growing number of businesses heading to the U.S. to escape high taxes, and the cost of doing business here. Business in this country is expected to be tax collectors for every level of Government. Now in a time of restraint what do these Governments do with some of this money? The Fed's have a \$50-million fund to help towns celebrate their birthdays! Have untold bloated bureaucracies studying every conceivable problem to death, when a simple referendum would do! They are spending untold millions to build a comedy museum in Montreal, and more untold millions to enforce official bilingualism!

The province meanwhile dreams up any number of business-offensive laws, wastes more millions on bilingual road signs, mandates junior kindergarten, and day-care in new schools and dreams up more schemes to make those of us who work, pay to keep those who choose not to! Their favourite cop-out is "Well all parties voted on it three years ago, and we have to keep it!" This hasn't stopped them from cutting the extent of OHIP coverage, or from closing hospital beds, or not building ones they promised Mr. Drainville!

On the local scene people want all sorts of goodies and expect businesses to ante up 50 percent greater taxes than anyone else to pay for them! However, these same people would be the first ones to buy something made in the U.S. or Mexico, because these countries don't have all this foolishness, and can produce and sell goods cheaper than us.

Inside the edition, Martha Perkins had an editorial on the price of complacency! That hit the nail on the head. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Canadians will go down in history as having twiddled

their thumbs, and complacently permitting their incompetent politicians and bloated bureaucracies to destroy this country!

The icing on the cake, however, was a letter from Stacey Williams! This is what really is wrong with our society! Over the past 20 years, our politicians, without the support of the majority of the working class, have created a *no fault society*! Kill someone, and it's not your fault, so we will let you out in five years. Kill someone, and you're a Young Offender, it's not your fault, so we'll let you out in two years. Rob someone, and it's not your fault so go to jail on weekends! Don't want to work, well that's not your fault either, so we'll give you a house and pay you to live in it. Have a child before you're financially prepared, well that is not your fault either, so we will put you in a house and pay you to raise it!

How can anyone on assistance, and not paying taxes complain about roads and sidewalks, they contribute nothing towards it. Whatever happened to financial responsibility, and families taking care of their own? There is nothing wrong with providing assistance where there is true need, but when I think of how hard many of our elder generations worked, and how long it took for them to get the most modest comforts that people take for granted today, our present system of Welfare is an obscenity! This pervasive, something for nothing attitude will eventually cause the collapse of many programs people have worked for and deserve, simply because too many will be paid for by too few!

I have one simple idea: If you're not prepared to work and pay for what you want, don't expect to have it! Combined with a little Yankee patriotism, is all we really need to save Canada.

Keith W. Stata,
Kinmount.

Williams is lucky

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my feelings on the recent letter from Stacey Williams. I don't doubt that there may be some concern about finances these days. However, I am disgusted with this last display

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FEIR
PLAY

CREIGHTON FEIR

IT'S TRUE, I've reached a milestone in my life and I've arrived at the ripe old age of 65. I look at life as if it was a football game and the first half is over, it's intermission time and I am getting ready for the second half. The actual date of my birthday was last Thursday, March 19th but as one of my friends commented it seems that the party went on for a week. It's over now and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this particular birthday a special one. I would like to begin by thanking Martha for all her wonderful comments on my behalf both in her column in the *Echo* and on CBC radio. I just hope that I can live up to the many kind words. Also a big thank you to Len and my fellow workers at the *Echo* for the luncheon at the Bonnie View Inn and for the beautiful jacket and gloves they presented to me at this special event. Thanks also to my many friends for the cards, gifts, telephone calls and messages left on my desk last Thursday. To the staff here at the *Echo* who took time out to decorate my office for the occasion and to the two office girls who took me out for lunch last Tuesday I offer a big thank you. I was also thrilled when some of my old buddy's took time off to either come in and see me or call me up on the telephone. It was great guys and it brought back many old memories. Oh yes, and I can't forget to thank my Minden Fan Club for the beautiful floral arrangement and to the staff at the *Minden Times* for the birthday cake and musical interlude. And finally I can't say enough about my family for the wonderful dinner and gifts. I consider myself as just an ordinary fellow and I hope I never change. It's also great at a time like this to know that one has so many wonderful friends to share these precious moments with. To everyone who took time out to stop and wish me a happy birthday and for all those hugs and kisses from the wonderful broads (women) in this community, how can I thank you enough.

When the subject turns to weather we have to admit that we can't complain about the beautiful days we had through the March Break here in the beautiful Highlands of Haliburton. It was next to perfect. The skiing conditions were excellent, the trails were first class for the snowmobiler and on most days it was great to go out for a walk. What more could we ask?

It's play-off time here in Haliburton and on Saturday the Mens Hockey League brought their season to a close with a one-day playoff which saw each team playing a total of three games. In O.M.H.A. play-offs both the Haliburton Novice and Bantams teams are in the hunt for hockey championships. You can show your support for both of these teams by being at the games and cheering them on to victory.

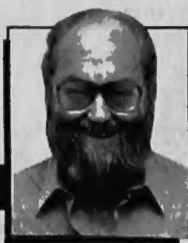
What a difference a year makes. It was just about a year ago now that the Municipality of Dysart road crew employees were sweeping the sidewalks clean in the village of Haliburton. When you consider the amount of snow that we have at the present time it will be a few weeks yet before the streets will be swept clean this fall.

Jack Cox of Haliburton returned home from Thunder Bay on March 14th after spending two weeks there as C.E.S.O. volunteer consultant at a workshop on the operation and maintenance of small water and sewage systems and plants. This workshop was for operators and assistant operators for the 1850 Ojibway and the Mattawa groups of First Nations. Jack's part of the workshop was on administration and preventative maintenance. The first week he had the 1850 Ojibway group and the second week, the Mattawa group.

Good luck to the Haliburton Tykes as they head to Toronto this weekend to take part in the Timmy Tyke Hockey Tournament. The first ever entry from Haliburton in this tournament, will play their first game on Saturday at the North York Centennial Arena. If the local team can come through with flying colours it will put the Tykes in a Consolation Championship or Grand Championship at Maple Leaf Gardens in April.

A few leftover notes: Congratulations to Jack Cox of Haliburton who celebrated his birthday on Sunday . . . A speedy recovery to Doug Woods and Moss McCracken who are both on the sick list . . . Don and Betty Curry of Haliburton have returned home following a three-week vacation in Apache Junction in Arizona . . . Larry and Julie Martin and family have returned home following a vacation at Mount Snow, Vermont . . . Ron and Sheila Stackhouse spent the March Break in Florida . . . Steve and Ginny Heming and family and Gary and Dawn Brohman and family spent the March Break at Myrtle Beach . . . Happy Birthday greetings to George Nicholls of West Guilford who celebrated his 55th Birthday on March 19th . . . Public skating was held at the arena in Haliburton on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the March Break.

How many did you get right?



THE VIEW FROM HERE

HARVEY CLARKE

LAST WEEK, I invited readers to play the number-word association game. I provided about 45 clues, and one completed example to show how the game worked.

As I said, I picked up the clues from two different sources, and I must admit that some of them would be pretty tough to get — the first one, for an example.

But there were a lot of fairly easy ones, too. I didn't try to come up with any scoring system, just because of this fact. Some of them would have been worth three points instead of just one, and a couple would have been worth five or ten for difficulty.

Here are the answers:

1. Wheel on a Unicycle (a tough one)
3. Outs in an Inning
3. Minutes to Hard Boil an Egg
3. Blind Mice — See How They Run
4. Seasons of the Year
4. Quarts in a Gallon
6. Players on a Hockey Team
6. Digits in a Postal Code
6. Sides on a Cube
7. Deadly Sins
7. Wonders of the Ancient World
8. Light Minutes to the Sun
8. Sides on a Stop Sign
9. Lives of a Cat
9. Planets in the Solar System
- Number 10. Downing Street
11. Players on a Football Team
12. Months of the Year
12. Signs of the Zodiac

15. Men on a Dead Man's Chest
18. Holes on a Golf Course
21. Gun Salute
24. Hours in a Day
- 4 and 20. Black Birds Baked in a Pie
26. Letters in the Alphabet
29. Days in February in a Leap Year
32. Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
40. Days and Nights of Rain
50. Ways to Leave Your Lover
52. Cards in a Deck
57. Heinz Varieties
64. Squares on a ChessBoard
76. Trombones — Led The Big Parade
77. Sunset Strip
88. Piano Keys
90. Degrees in a Right Angle
99. Bottles of Beer On The Wall
101. Dalmations
200. Dollars for Passing "Go" in Monopoly
- 221-B. Baker Street
365. Days in a Year
- 1,001. Arabian Nights
- 20,000. Leagues under the Sea
- 250,000. Miles to the Moon

Hope you had fun playing the game, and if you have any examples (with answers) you want to send in — and we get enough of them — maybe we can do it again in a future column...

It would be interesting to know how many of the Nintendo generation would even bother to do a puzzle like this. But I'll bet there are lots of kids who would have tried to play the game if it was set up on a computer screen.

Maybe some English teacher will try it. I am sure I got a lot of my interest in language as a child from playing a card game with letters called *Lexicon* that was a forerunner of *Scrabble* in some ways.

On the other hand, the *Wheel of Fortune* show on television may have got people's minds working in a way that would make them interested in figuring something like this out...



PIC OF THE PAST

This week's photo takes us back to October 1955 and shows the teacher and students of S.S. No. 5 Stanhope, Maple Lake Ontario. Front row from the left, Earl Cook, Margaret Wallace, Patsy Redner,

Jean Dawson, Grace McPhail, Ray Redner, Ross Packard, Mervin Redner. Second row from the left, Jim Redner, Ray Cook, Donnie Archer, Ivan Sisson, Sandra Morrison, Larry Cummings, Ronnie Davies, Paul Howle. Back row from the left, Neillie Cook, Joyce McPhail, Mrs. Thompson, teacher, Michael Cummings, Clarence Maunder. Photo and information courtesy of Carrie Drysdale of Minden, Ontario.

Two kinds of lake neighbours



CITY SLICKER

DAVID CARROLL

PINE POINT, KENNISIS LAKE: Rocko was playing musical fireplaces again this week. Like every other March, he bought a new wood stove, piggybacked it north on his Ford Bronco, and ran it down the cottage path on a plastic toboggan. A splintering crash alerted us to this annual ritual, and my Dad and I donned our winter garb (coat, boots, toque, Hershey bar), and wandered across the tundra for a closer look. We found Rocko grappling with his front door, prying at the hinges.

"Stove's too wide to fit through," he panted. Then, nodding at the sooty hulk on the sled, he added: "She's a beaut, eh?"

"Another one?" said Dad. "The old one was too small," said Rocko. "This baby'll heat 10,000 cubic feet on a single log."

"What, did you win the 649?"

"No," laughed Rocko. "I got it in the States. 'You'd be surprised how little they cost.'"

"Lousy traitor," Dad said good-naturedly. Blushing, Rocko mouthed the word: "Survivor."

Since Rocko isn't much of a handyman, we steaded his door without being asked. But as Rocko leaned into his screwdriver, I saw a week's worth of stress borne away in an instant. Suddenly it occurred to me that Rocko depends on his cottage for relief. He has a peptic ulcer and hypertension. He resides primarily in Napanee, where he teaches English to Roman Catholic adolescents. Rocko himself is Anglican but he says he doesn't mind. He says Catholicism isn't much different, but I think it weighs heavily on his mind. He's really quite devout. On Sundays he drives to Maple Lake for St. Peter's early morning service. He rings to bell and his wife passes out the hymnals. "They treat us like locals," he says.

Suddenly I felt the door lurching. It jerked out of my hands and landed in the snow. It was the work of Rosie, Rocko's dog. She still doesn't know her own strength. She's a Newfoundland.

"Rosie!" Rocko shouted, "C'mon back now!" The slobbering beast shook the white from its fur

and followed the fireplace into the cottage.

Once settled inside we began scribing floorboards, drilling holes, fastening bolts and filing the stovepipe. Dad and I were working alone by now; Rocko stood back and offered suggestions. The sun went down and stayed that way and just when we finished someone rapped on the door.

It was Ormel Wilby; irrepressible handyman of the north shore. He's a spunky old bird who was once an advisor to Mackenzie King's wartime cabinet. He knows all there is to know except the metric system which is stupid anyway, and belongs to the old school that believes cottages ought to be devoid of modern conveniences. His own place is a clapboard hovel, a far cry from Rocko's insulated, thinulated, cedar-sided vault. But there he was, red-nosed and squinty-eyed, brandishing an awl and ready to help.

"What's this?" he croaked. "You got your fireplace a little close to the stud, doncha think?"

Rocko lied: "But I told them to leave an inch between!"

"An inch!" Ormel scratched his bald head. "She'll burn your walls at one inch. Why a new one, anyway?"

"I got it on sale," Rocko murmured, wisely deleting the bit about the States.

Ormel stepped forward, soiling the broadloom. "Hafeta tear it out, I suppose."

Rocko knit his brow and stooped to his knees and tapped the supports we had just screwed tight.

"Let's go," said Ormel. "I brought my tools and it shouldn't take past nine or ten."

"I'll reify that coffee!" said Rocko's wife.

When we finally finished, Rocko invited everyone to stay for dinner, including Ormel. But he declined. "Gotta go to bed," he said. "I bet the wife is already there." And he finished his clear tea, pulled on his Ontario Hydro coat, and left with his tools.

So it was without the wisdom of our oldest neighbour that we discussed RRSPs and cross country skis and the beat tracks which Ormel himself had spotted on the road. And then, over coffee and ovaltine and an apple pie from Backwood's Marina, we talked about how good we thought it would be to live up north year-round.

"Maybe I'll take early retirement too, Derek," said Rocko.

"Ha!" said Dad. "You could never afford that satellite dish you want!"

"You never know," said Rocko. "You'd be surprised how little they cost in the States!"

Grandma's perspective on kids



NORTHERN LIGHTS

VIRGINIA MUENZEL

CHILDREN ARE SO INTERESTING to observe when they are not your own. I'm afraid I get a perverse kind of glee out of watching my children suffer through their children's terrible twos, etc. All those wonderfully trying phases our kids put us through are far more endurable second hand.

Echoes from the past that used to grate on my nerves as a mother, make me giggle as a grandmother. Ten-year-old Jeremy uses phrases like, "Oh, Mo---m, don't worry about it!"

Sound familiar, Rita? Smiley, silly, huggy Whitney is driving my son David nuts. She's very independent, quick and full of mischief. She re-styles her hair every time someone forgets to hide their scissors. Whereupon, Dave tears out his eyes, "When is this kid gonna learn?"

Given David's history as a toddler and preschooler, a statement like that sends my laughing. He never crawled properly. He went from backing around the house on his knees to walking and climbing in a very short span. He had no fear, which petrified me. He was faster than the speed of light and slippery as a greased pig. He had a propensity for high places, and I frequently had to hold my breath while calmly walking to him and inviting him

down. That's how I acquired the two white streaks in my hair. He also locked me out of the house regularly. In comparison, Whitney is a gem.

A couple of weeks ago, when Elaine came home from the hospital with the new baby, I got to do some serious Grandma stuff. Stephanie, who is two and a half, was going through that period of adjustment that occurs when a new little person curls in on a child's territory. She devised a marvelous game plan of tests for her mom, dad, and me one day. Unfortunately for her, she racked up some record time-out in the penalty box (her bed). She must have done some heavy thinking, because the next morning that awful person had disappeared, and out of her room came 'mother's little helper.' Other than asking her mommy, "When are you taking Courtney back to the hospital?" she seemed resigned to her new status.

The four of them came to dinner last weekend. We were passing the new baby along with the salad and the peas. Seems she's decided to have a fussy time that rather reminds me of my son, Eddie. As I recall, he spent the first three months of his life being colicky from about 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. I distinctly remember pushing a buggy back and forth while I cooked suppers, and eating with a baby laying on his tummy across my lap. Rita used to help rock the buggy, saying, "That's okay, Eddie. Don't cry." She was two at the time. Sounding very much like Stephanie does now.

If these similarities continue, Courtney won't have much to say until she's four because Stephanie will do all her talking for her. And this new baby that's due in May... I don't want to make you nervous, Cindy, but we're about due for another David.

Just thought I'd let you know.

Living with the March crazies



DOWN OUR ROAD

SHARON LYNCH

IT HAD BEEN a strange end-of-winter month, a month of freakish snowstorms and extremes of every kind. If there is such a thing as mid-winter blahs, then there is surely end-of-winter crazies. Having grown impatient with the tardy arrival of spring, people became irritable. They tended to snap out directions to the ski hills; speculate whether global warming was a hoax and even speak of blackflies with something akin to longing. The last thing they wanted to see on a mid-March morning was fresh snow with more drifting down.

So when Paul and Sherry awoke to yet another mini-blizzard, they did what any nearly-sane rural resident would do. Paul picked up the phone and asked some friends over for a get-together that night. Of course these were friends with the necessary snowmobiles. While he did the inviting, Sherry took stock of the cupboard and tried to figure out the most exotic menu imaginable, under the circumstances. In this way they would have something to look forward to all day besides more snow. It was their key to surviving the end-of-winter crazies.

The snow tapered off by late afternoon, leaving a good foot of picturesque fluff. Had the month been December rather than March, Sherry would have noted the world looked like a magical place. Instead, she speculated how much more mud would fill their driveway when the darn stuff melted.

Their snowblower had bit the dust the week

before, no doubt from over-use, and they were dependent on whatever assistance their neighbours might render in making their driveway driveable. They were in no rush. It wasn't as though they had to rush into town to buy suntan lotion or even, insect repellent.

The impassable driveway did not hinder their guests. Snowmobiles were parked at the end of the driveway and people trudged through the deep snow to the front door. By this time of the year, they had had plenty of practice. Paul and Sherry welcomed them with open arms, almost desperate for distraction. Their guests echoed the same fatigue with winter.

Food and conversation was doled out in copious amounts. Like children at camp or on a sleepover, they sat strewn around the living room talking of everything from politics to religion, meditation to menopause. With full stomachs and fired imaginations, the boring, common concerns of the past few weeks finally began to dim in importance. Life was still to be lived, not complained about.

Sherry was just stepping out of the kitchen with a full carafe of coffee when she heard the noise outside. Paul heard it as well and jumped up to confirm his suspicion. Returning from outside with a smile on his face, he asked everyone if they would mind moving their snowmobiles: way from the end of the driveway as their neighbour had started ploughing it out.

The guests looked outside but despite noise to the contrary, could see no headlights. Then someone said they saw a light, not a headlight but some kind of dim single light. Curious, they all donned boots and jackets and headed outside to move their machines. What should await them but Clive, Paul and Sherry's neighbour, aboard the seat of Jessie.

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Facts of air crash explained

To the Editor:

Re: 'City Slicker — Skating on thin ice at the lake' by David Carroll, dated March 17, 1992.

In the column he described the aircraft accident at Kennisis Lake's Driftwood Bay where he noted the wreckage is still on the lake bottom.

This is far from the truth!

The event occurred August 20th, 1977 as noted on a series of photographs I took at the time. The aircraft was a Bede 4 out-fitted with floats, a home-built aircraft designed to seat four but with the then-Canadian air regulations, could only seat two. The pilot did not lose consciousness and crash, but lost

consciousness on impact. The aircraft was partially burned due to a fuel leakage. It did not sink to a final resting place on the lake bottom.

My father (Derek Rolfe) and I were commissioned by the family to remove and properly dispose of the wreckage, which we did.

I wish to make clear these details and to remove any concerns of an 'environmental hazard' to Driftwood Bay's waters and to prevent a novice scuba diver possibly searching for the aircraft at such risky depths mentioned in the article.

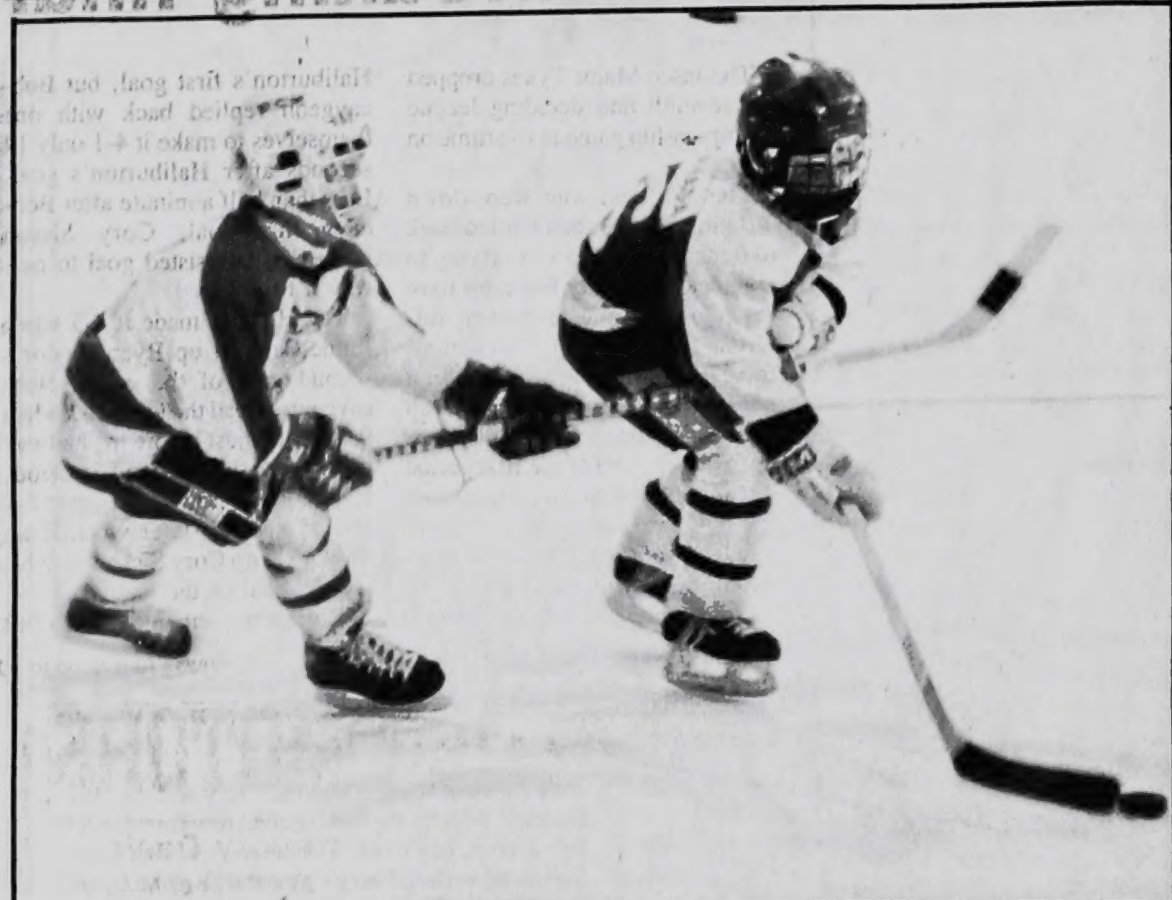
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THIS WEEK



CRAIGEN CRUISES: Haliburton OMHA Novice Huskie Mike Craigen weaves his way through the Brighton defense in the fifth game of their best-of-seven Zone Championship series Saturday at the Dysart Arena.

Craigen was brilliant all season and capped it off by leading his team to the title as they won both weekend games to take the series four games to two.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT: The Bantam OMHA Huskies find themselves behind for the first time of the year as they trail Langdon three points to one in their eight-point

series. Here, Haliburton defenseman Curtis Bain (number 7) sticks close to his man on a face-off to the left of goalie Peter Brohman during Sunday's game.

Bantams meet match, trail Langdon in final

The Bantam OMHA All-Ontario final opened in the Dysart arena Saturday night as the Haliburton Huskies hosted the Langdon Bantams to begin the defense of their title.

Haliburton advanced to the finals with a relatively easy three-game sweep of Teeswater in their semifinal while Langdon had a tough best-of-five series with Lucan that actually required six games to settle.

The keener competition seemed to have Langdon better prepared as they won this first game easily over a sluggish and disorganized home side. The Huskies were also trying to reorganize their offense around Mark Morissette unfortunate four-game suspension which arose from the dying minutes of the last semifinal game. With brother Kevin and right Winger Tim Keefer they had been the most potent scoring line.

Langdon opened the scoring five minutes into the game as they outskated and out-hustled the Huskies for most of the first period. Kevin Van Acker was the marksman and he scored again less than two minutes later to give the visitors a 2-0 lead. Haliburton did get one back when Mark Stamp knocked it in with some hard work in front of the Langdon net with assists from Andy Billings and Kevin Morissette. But Langdon re-

established their two goal lead as their captain Jon Marshall scored near the end of the period on a long shot from outside the blue line. In the second period, Haliburton played a little better defensively but were still unable to generate many scoring chances and the score remained 3-1 at the break.

Early in the third period, Jackie Morrison scored an unassisted goal to make it 3-2 on a long shot along the ice which the Langdon goaltender misplayed. The visitors quickly went two up again and shut down the Haliburton attack as they posted a 4-2 win.

The second game was played the following afternoon. Despite a stronger effort, the Huskies found themselves down 2-0 at the end of the first period on goals by Langdon's Terry Lammens and Shawn Lisabeth. In the second frame, Haliburton picked up the pace and tied the score on two goals by Mark Stamp. The first assisted by Andy Billings and Colin Morrison and the second on a power play assisted by Kevin Morissette. Both goals resulted from hard work in the Langdon zone with speed and aggressive fore checking.

In the third period, Langdon established a 3-2 lead but Colin Morrison, who played a tireless game on his left wing, banged home a rebound to deadlock it with assists from line mates Mark

Stamp and Jonathon Bishop. It looked as if Haliburton was going to take over the game but then Langdon made 4-3 on a goal which deflected in off a Haliburton player. With just over three minutes to go the Huskies tied it again when Andy Billings blasted a tremendous shot from just inside the left point. Setting Andy up were Curtis Bain and Jackie Morrison.

This sent the game into overtime. The Huskies dominated most of the overtime period and appeared to have the game won when Colin Morrison scored his second goal of the game with just over four minutes left. Jonathon Bishop and Mark Stamp who were a real inspiration to the team with their skill and intensity all weekend drew the assists. Unfortunately, Langdon put on some pressure to their own in the last two minutes and Terry Lammens tied it with one minute left to go with a hard shot just inside the blue line. Final score Haliburton 5, Langdon 5.

With the tie, Haliburton has one point in the series and Langdon has three. The first team to reach eight points wins the All-Ontario Bantam title. Next weekend the team travels to Langdon for two games. Hopefully our improved play in game two, will continue there. The next home game will be the sixth game (if needed), on Sunday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Novices win thriller to take OMHA crown

Just like with the big boys, this championship series came down to that single, so revered quality in team sports — consistency.

So after six physically tough games in ten draining days, it came as no surprise to season-long followers of the OMHA Novice Huskies that it was these boys who emerged, staggering from it all, as the OMHA Novice "C-DD" Zone Champions. The Huskies took two of three with the Brighton Braves on the weekend to claim the best-of-seven series four games to two.

It was a series with a simple standard play absolutely as well as you can win. Anything less and lose. Brighton, a talented and well-coached squad, had lost just once all season and where easily Haliburton's toughest opponents in a very successful year of their own. But at crunch time, when one team had to group four great performances, it was the Huskies all the way.

The winning weekend began forgetably with a 5-2 loss in Brighton Friday night where the Braves outshot Haliburton 22-9. Mike Craigen scored unassisted to give the Huskies an early lead and Cole Glendinning from Craigen tied it 2-2 in the second but Haliburton was just spinning it's wheels at the final buzzer.

Back in a jammed Haliburton

arena on Saturday, the noisy gathering was treated to another example of how well these eight and nine-year olds can play in the home side's 3-1 win. The first period went back-and-forth but just when it seemed fated to expire without a goal, Craigen grabbed a loose puck behind his own net and scooted coast to coast to score with just eight ticks left.

It was a big one and the boys bounced into the second carrying an edge in play. Midway through that one, Ryan Wood swept around the Braves' net and banged in the winning goal and Craigen extended it to 3-0 two minutes later. Scot Curry had a big helper on that one. Brighton closed to 3-1 before the period ended but the scoreless third was a case of too much Glendinning, Danny Koz, Bobby Hebert and Jamie Johnston playing very stubbornly in front of a sharp Adam Wilson.

Grabbing the series lead though, would have been impossible without the non-stop skating and checking of Scot Curry, Jeff Wilson and Ryan Simioni.

But the difference in the game had to be the insertion of rugged Glendinning into occasional left wing duty to take some heat off Craigen. "Bam Bam" was tremendous not only in his enforcer role, but in engineering some great

opportunities around the Braves net.

The game six switch to Brighton's smaller ice surface was not enough to halt the Huskie charge. This classic was decided 2-1 in Haliburton's favour on a Simioni howitzer with just 3:19 remaining. Craigen assisted on the winner after scoring the only other Huskie goal almost 25 minutes earlier.

Glendinning assisted on that one but it wasn't a smooth finish. "Big Cat" Wilson, who saved the best for last, guided a puck just inches wide of his left goal post with six seconds remaining and Glendinning and Koz wrestled every white sweater in sight for the final two minutes to preserve the magical victory.

Adam Wilson, Danny Koz, Cole Glendinning, Jamie Johnston, Bobby Hebert, Jeff Wilson, Scot Curry, Ryan Simioni, Ryan Wood and Mike Craigen all set a lofty goal early in the season — they dared themselves to be champions. They learned that some guys score goals and some guys stop them and nobody's role has any more significance.

Many months later, these ten survivors, who never whined or quit or doubted, have a lot to be proud of.

The OMHA Novice Huskies are champions!



CHAMPION MITES: Haliburton's Huskie Mites captured the Tri-County title on Sunday with their victory over Ops. The champs are (back row, from left to right): Wade MacInnes (assistant coach), Nick Judge, Josh

Fick, Adrian Winn, Glen Fick (trainer), Greg Nimigon, Jim Winn (coach) and Kyle Espie. In the front row is Quinn Ryan, Kyle Boughner, Shawn MacInnes, Dylan Metcalfe, Andre Nichol and Andrew Dawson.

Huskie Mites the mightiest

Tied at a game a piece, the Haliburton Huskie Mites Boys went south to Ops on Saturday for game three of the finals. Right from the opening drop the Huskies and flames went at it tooth and nail. It was tied at one for just about two full periods until the Huskies scored with a minute left in the second. The third period saw Haliburton strike four more times while Ops only managed to net one. Scoring for the Huskies were Andre Nichol with the hat trick, Adrian Winn with two goals and two assists, Shawn MacInnes with a goal, Kyle Espie and Josh Fick with two assists each, Andrew Dawson, Kyle Boughner, Greg Nimigon and Quinn Ryan each with one assist. Haliburton won 6-2 and were up two games to one.

On Sunday it was game four of the finals at the Dysart arena. Fan

support was great for both teams. It was do or die for the Ops Mites. With visions of Gold in their heads the Haliburton boys dawned the blades. Sixteen seconds into the game Kyle Boughner banged one in to put Haliburton on the board. Assisting were Kyle Espie and Shawn MacInnes. One minute later Quinn Ryan and Josh Fick set up Adrian Winn who was tripped in front of the Ops net but still fired it in while lying flat on the ice. With 41 seconds left in the 1st Andre Nichol put the Huskies up by three when he beat the Ops goalie on a breakaway; assisting were Greg Nimigon and Nick Judge.

In the second period Shawn MacInnes would steal the puck from an Ops defenceman and notched another Haliburton goal unassisted. Less than a minute later Jeff Lynch got Ops on the board

with a breakaway goal. In the first minute of the third period Shawn MacInnes bagged two quick goals to bury the Ops Club. Assisting on the goals were Andrew Dawson, Quinn Ryan and Dylan Metcalfe. With one minute remaining in the game Lynch got his second goal for Ops and that's the way it ended 6-2. The Huskie Mites had won the Tri-county Championship. After the road pile and cheers the players lined up on the blue lines. Jeff Lynch accepted the consolation trophy for Ops and Dylan Metcalfe accepted the winning trophy for the Huskies. Good work boys! It was a great series and one the Haliburton parents won't soon forget. Oh yes, the Mite mothers have challenged their boys to a fun game of hockey this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Come on out and watch, it should be hilarious!

Dysart increases arena ice rental fees

Dysart has raised the rates for ice time at the Dysart Arena but they still may be the lowest in the entire province.

Last month, the recreation committee voted to raise the price for an hour of ice time from \$28 to \$36 for minor hockey, figure skating, high school hockey and the elementary schools. Ice time for tour-

naments will increase from \$68 to \$75 per hour and ice for recreational hockey (Men's League, Chaulkusters, etc.) will raise \$7 to \$70 an hour.

The increase for minor hockey and figure skating is 28 per cent and it may go up further next year, but no one seems to be complaining.

"We'll probably have to look

at raising registration fees next year but we're still really getting a good deal," Haliburton Minor Hockey Association President Bryan Foster said.

Bruce Turner, public relations chairman for the Haliburton Figure Skating Club echoed Foster's comment because, he said, the price is still quite reasonable.

Tri-County Novice Cs split first two games

Haliburton's Tri-County Novice C Huskies split the first of two league championship series games with Sunderland over the weekend.

Gerald Sharp and Joel Cooper each had two goals for the Huskies in Sunderland on Sunday morning in a 6-3 win. Travis Bain opened the scoring in the first period and Ryan Emmerson scored the team's second goal from Travis Bain and it was 2-2 after the first.

The second was all Haliburton's as Sharp scored from Cooper and Matt Gerry, Cooper scored from Andrew Sachs and Sharp scored to go up 5-2. Sunderland got one back but Cooper put it away with five minutes left.

Excellent defense by Matt Hutchinson, Alex Ambridge and Laine Roberts coupled with fine play by forward Chris Bishop and superb goaltending from Ryan Chalmers ensured Haliburton the opening game victory.

The boys couldn't get the puck past the Sunderland netminder at home in the second game of the day and fell 1-0. Chalmers resembled Grant Fuhr as he caught, kicked and blocked all but one shot as an exhausted Haliburton team worked hard but couldn't score to tie it.



DOWN HE GOES: A Tri-County Novice C Huskie appears to run over a Sunderland player in an attempt to get the puck away from him during Sunday afternoon's championship series game at the Dysart Arena. Haliburton won the first game earlier in the day but Sunderland came back to tie the series with a 1-0 win.

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Jasco Tykes lose heartbreaking final

The Jasco Major Tykes dropped the seventh and deciding league championship game in overtime on Friday.

The Huskies, who were down 3-0 in the series, had battled back to tie the series and were trying to complete what very few teams have ever done. Game seven was different from the last four games, there was scoring in the first period, but unfortunately it was all by Bobcaygeon. The Bulldogs were up 3-0 at the end of the first period and while most teams would have hung up the blades and gave Bobcaygeon the win, the Jasco Boys saw things differently.

Early into the second period, Cory Sisson set up Ryan Taylor for

Haliburton's first goal, but Bobcaygeon replied back with one themselves to make it 4-1 only 14 seconds after Haliburton's goal. Less than half a minute after Bobcaygeon's goal, Cory Sisson scored an unassisted goal to narrow it to 4-2.

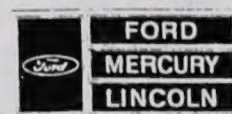
The Huskies made it 4-3 when Jamie Sala set up Ryan Taylor's second goal of the game. Bobcaygeon spread the lead to 5-3 when they scored just before the halfway mark in the second period, Haliburton narrowed the gap to 5-4 just 55 seconds later when Ryan Taylor set up Cory Sisson with his second goal of the game.

The game remained 5-4 until

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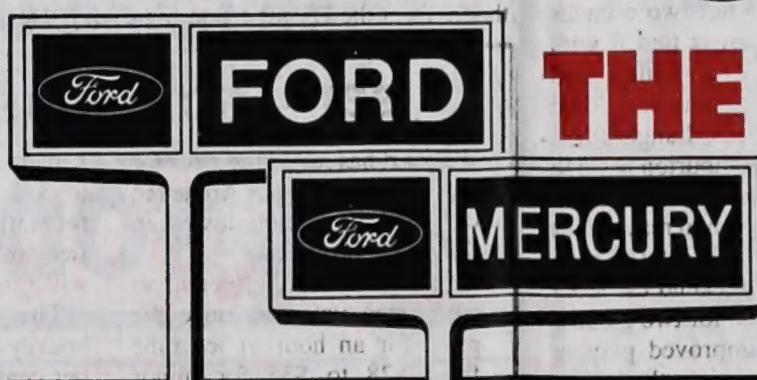
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MEN'S HOCKEY

Haliburton League

Playoff Tournament Saturday, March 21

Roberts-Austin 9, Curry Motors 1
Elstone Motors 5, Haliburton Lumber 3
Youngdale Fuels 5, Emmerson Lumber 2
Vasey Insurance 7, Bishop & Wilson 2

Haliburton Lumber 6, Curry Motors 5 (OT)
Elstone Motors 3, Roberts-Austin 2
Emmerson Lumber 5, Bishop & Wilson 2
Vasey Insurance 5, Youngdale Fuels 2

Consolation Championship

Emmerson Lumber 5, Haliburton Lumber 1

Championship

Vasey Insurance 5, Elstone Motors 1

OLDTIMER'S HOCKEY

Wilberforce League

Final

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Haliburton	15	2	0	151	42	30
Ban. Cdn Tire	10	6	1	61	63	21
Wilberforce	9	7	1	83	86	19
Bancroft I.G.A.	8	9	0	73	66	16
Rainbow Auto Gl.	5	11	1	54	95	11
Apsley	2	14	1	48	120	5

Future Games

Playoffs

Thursday, March 26

A Division

Bancroft Can. Tire vs. Haliburton

B Division

Bancroft IGA vs. Wilberforce

C Division

Apsley vs. Rainbow Auto Glass

MINOR HOCKEY

OMHA Novice C/DD Zone Finals

(Best-of-seven series)

BRIGHTON vs. HALIBURTON

(Haliburton wins series 4-2)

Sunday's Result

Haliburton 2, Brighton 1

Saturday's Result

Haliburton 3, Brighton 1

Friday's Result

Brighton 5, Haliburton 2

OMHA Bantam DD Finals

(Eight-point series)

LANGDON vs. HALIBURTON

(Langdon leads series 3 points to 1)

Saturday's Result

Langdon 4, Haliburton 2

Sunday's Result

Langdon 5, Haliburton 5 (OT)

Future Games

Saturday, March 28

Haliburton at Langdon

Sunday, March 29

Haliburton at Langdon

SPORTS

Elstone Motors burn Roberts-Austin Fuels

Vasey Insurance captures playoff tournament title

WELL WADDYA KNOW, Elvis does live! And so does the tradition of the regular season champs choking in the Men's Hockey League playoffs.

Elstone goaltender Brian Sachs stonewalled Roberts-Austin Fuels in their semie-final matchup during Saturday's playoff tournament but his team ran out of steam when they came up against Vasey Insurance in the championship game. The Brokers were presented with their well-deserved gold championship medals by none other than the late King himself at the awards ceremony Saturday night while Emmerson Lumber captured the consolation title.

Playoff day was a day of upsets of sorts, which served to reinforce the parity that existed in the league all year. Vasey was the team that was able to put it all together, including top-notch goaltending from Kevin Finch and a balanced scoring attack that was able to put the puck in the net when it counted.

The Brokers got on board first in the championship game with a powerplay goal in the first period but Elstone, playing with just five skaters, even-

Haliburton MEN'S HOCKEY League

by Mark Publicover

ed it up in the second. Vasey went ahead again and Bernie Upton's goal with just 34 second left in the middle frame was the game-breaker as his team was able to fend off the tired Motorers to nab the title with a 5-1 win.

Upton had a pair of goals and assists in the game, while Barry Boice, Floyd Henry and Tim Cawker had Vasey's others and Steve Smith scored Elstone's lone goal.

Steve Cooper was the man in the consolation title game as he popped three goals to lead Emmerson over Haliburton Lumber 5-1. It was a one-goal game going into the final period in which the LumberSharks came on strong with three goals in five minutes. Mike MacNaull and Ed Davis completed Emmerson's scoring while Bucky Byers scored the goal for their competition.

Roberts-Austin started the day like they ended the season, dumping Curry Motors 9-1 in the

opening game during the wee hours of the morning. Only Glen Evans was able to beat Dave "The Wall" Elstone and the Fuellers looked to be the team to beat with a powerful offensive onslaught. Rhys Jenkins scored three and assisted on two for R-A in the game, Joe Roberts scored three times, your writer popped two goals and Hugh Nichol finished it off.

In the second game of the day, Sachs showed he obviously had his Wheaties for breakfast and stood on his head to help the short-staffed Elstone Motorers defeat Haliburton Lumber 5-3 after the Lumbermen had gone ahead by two early in the game. Elstone fought back to tie the game before falling behind again but then Sachs shut the door and the Motorers scored two goals in the final two minutes of the second period to ahead for the first time.

They liked being ahead and Kim Emmerson scored his second goal of the game in the final period to sink HL. Frank Powers, Roger Scheffee and Dave McKay scored for Elstone while Greg Carpenter had two for the Lumbermen and Bucky Byers one.

Manpower helped Youngdale Fuels win the third game of the morning as they downed Emmerson Lumber 5-2 on the strength of two goals from both Rick Wood and Jim Pettes. Youngdale went up 2-0 in the first, led 3-1 after two and were able to hang on to beat the short-handed 'Sharks. Mike Rae scored the other Youngdale goal, while Rob Abbs and Ed Davis countered for Emmerson.

Vasey stopped Erin Nicholls in the fourth game and they were unstoppable, giving a glimpse of how they'd play the rest of the day, dumping Bishop & Wilson 7-2. Nicholls scored first but it was all Vasey after that as they popped five straight to take a four-goal lead into the third. Dan Curry got one back for B&W but that was all and Vasey set their sights on the championship. Bernie Upton and Carl Rowbottom each had a pair for the Brokers, Tim Chambers had a goal and three assists, Chuck Clarkson and Tim Cawker scored, Dennis McKee added three assists and Floyd Henry two.

The two games that followed were worth the price of admission (especially since it was free). Haliburton Lumber and Curry Motorers battled it out in fine fashion to produce the only overtime of the day to start the consolation round. The game see-sawed back and forth and Curry led 5-3 with five minutes left but Haliburton Lumber came to life and Bucky Byers scored with 1:45 left to force the extra time. He scored again during that extra time and Curry Motors were bounced. Chris Hodgson scored three for Curry and Roy Scott had their other two while Scott Rae had a pair for HL and Kevin Sisson and Greg Carpenter had one each.

Roberts-Austin came out flying again in the first championship round game, going up 2-0 before Dave McKay unloaded with three goals for Elstone Motors and that's all they'd need because try as they did (and they did try, believe me), the Fuellers just couldn't buy a goal from Sachs. All of the scoring came in the second period and R-A put the pressure on in the third in a big way as Elstone, playing with just one spare to the Fullers' four, started to slow down a little. But it was not to be and Rhys Jenkins' two goals were the last of the year for Roberts-Austin.

In the second consolation round game, it was Emmerson defeating Bishop & Wilson 5-2 as they went up 3-2 after one period, scored twice in the second and played tough defense to hold off the Surveyors in the third. Wade MacInnes had two goals for Emmerson, Mike MacNaull had a goal and three assists, Steve Cooper and Chris Nelthorpe each had one while Dean Curry and Dan Curry both scored for B & W.

Youngdale Fuels looked like championship material in the second championship round game, taking a 2-0 lead before Vasey turned it on. The Brokers tied it up in the second period and scored three in the third to advance. Bernie Upton was there again for Vasey with two goals and Dennis McKee, Chuck Clarkson and Tim Chambers scored singles. Jim Pettes and Mike Rae scored for Youngdale.

On Saturday night, it was time for some Ugly Rumour and Elvis presented the year's awards as chosen by the league's team captains: Erin Nicholls received the "Art Ross" Trophy (top scorer), Brent Flood was given the "Calder" Trophy (rookie of the year), Ron Perrin was awarded the "Norris" Trophy (top defenseman), Vince Duchene got the "Vezina" Trophy (top goaltender), (Book 'em) Danno Ambridge was awarded the "Selkie" Trophy (best defensive forward) and Hugh Nichol was named the league's most improved player.

Nicholls broke two records this year — his 64 goals beat Chris Hodgson's 61 in 1989 and his 110 points were two better than Bernie Upton's 1989 total.

Awards were also presented for the playoff tournament for both the consolations and championship sides and it was Bernie Upton getting top forward for the championship side, Barry Boice top defenseman and Kevin Finch top goalie; while Mike MacNaull received top forward honors for the consolation side, Rob Abbs top defenseman and Steve MacIntyre top goalie. Scorekeeper Bill Hartin made the selections.

Helmets off to co-presidents Bernie Upton and Barry Boice, and treasurer Drew Carey, who did an exceptional job running the league this year (I didn't hear anyone mention the word "strike" all year long); to statistician (and occasional forward) Vince Duchene; to scorekeepers Bill Hartin and Eric Nicholls, whose reliability kept things on the record; and to Chip Trueman, a good sport even if he can't sing like a King.

Well, I guess that's all folks.
I'm Mark, and this was *This Week in the MHL*.

Wilberforce playoffs begin Thursday

Hot Hawks will take on CTC

This week brought to an end the regular season of Oldtimers Hockey and now the old boys get geared up for next week's one-game sudden death playoff round.

Congratulations go to Haliburton's Tom Curry who ended up winning a tight scoring race. Tom played in only 12 games yet had an amazing 19 goals and 25 assists

for a total of 44 points. The runners up were also from Haliburton: Rick Wood had 23 goals and 20 assists for 43 points; and Steve Roberts had 20 goals and 20 assists for 40 points.

The Hawks also posted the best defensive average in the league, allowing only 44 goals in 14 games for a 2.58 goals against average.

George Schmid did the majority of the work in the Hawk's net but shares the spotlight with Larry Hartin, who played five games and Kevin Finch who played one.

Game one saw the last meeting this season of rivals Bancroft Canadian Tire and Bancroft I.G.A. this was a low-scoring contest that had an air of chippiness about it. C.T.C. opened the scoring with two quick ones in the first and never looked back defeating I.G.A. 4-2. Ted Van Dusen had two for C.T.C. with singles going to Chip Watson and Joe Bertoni. Ted Donaldson and Ton Vine got goals for I.G.A.

Norm Rasto led all I.G.A. scorers this season netting 10 goals and 25 assists for 35 points, fifth overall in the league. Behind him were Phil Kulas with eight goals and 14 assists for 22 points and Steve Tripp with 13 goals and three assists for 16 points for C.T.C. Roger Keller led the way with 14 goals and 11 assists for 25 points, ninth best in the league, followed by Chip Watson seven goals, six assists for 13 points and Lloyd Peters seven goals, three assists, 10

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Tykes lose in overtime

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with 3:47 left in the third, Cory Sisson scored Haliburton's fifth and tying goal and his hat trick goal. The game went into overtime, but Bobcaygeon made the best of their chances and won the championship.

The Huskies players were upset, but knew they had accomplished quite a feat by making the series a real thriller. The Huskies still got their hands on some of the trophy hardware by being the division champs for the year and for being the champion finalist.

Then on Saturday, the Jasco

boys travelled to Lakefield to compete in a tournament. In the first game, Haliburton faced the Lakefield "A" team and Jasco played strong but came out on the short end by a 2-0 score. The Jasco boys out played Lakefield but couldn't get a pea by their goalie. Jason Chambers returned to the nets after a long time out of the net, but played like he never missed a day out of net.

The Huskies got their scoring back in the second game winning 9-7 and in the "B" championship game, were up against Omamee. The Huskies won the game 9-2 and the "B" Championship.

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GAME 3	 LANGTON	 6:00 pm	 Sat. March 28
GAME 4	 LANGTON	 1:00 pm	 Sun. Mar. 29
GAME 5	 LANGTON	 8:00 pm	 Sat. April 4
GAME 6	 HALIBURTON	 1:00 pm	 Sun. April 5
GAME 7	 LANGTON	 4:00 pm	 Sun. April 12

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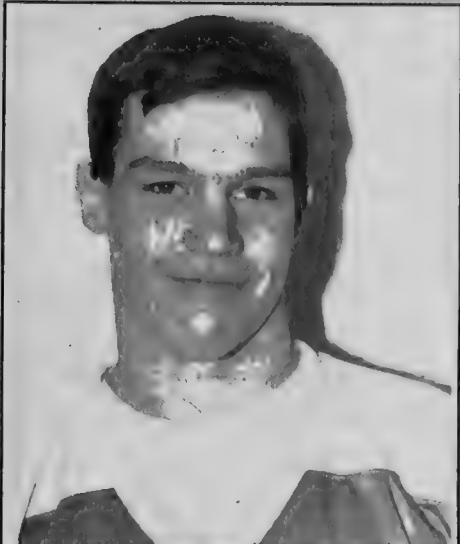
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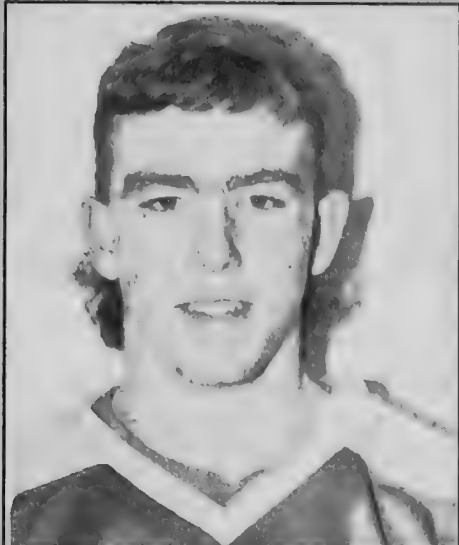
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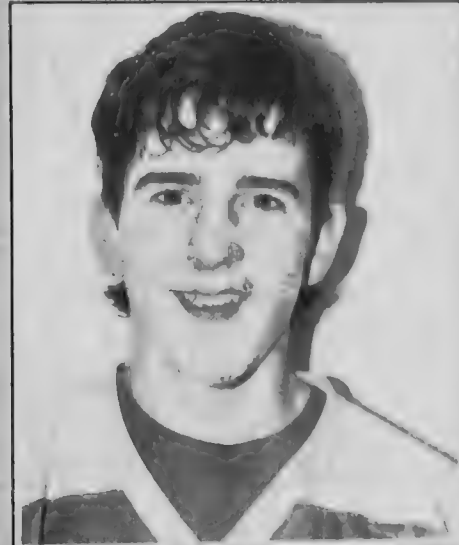
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SPORTS

Plenty of hardware at Highland Mixed Bonspiel



"A" EVENT WINNERS: It was the last bonspiel of the Haliburton season and this rink came out the winners: Peter Davey, Sue Jamieson, Lynn Williamson and Vangie Carson.



"B" EVENT WINNERS: The second-place winners at the weekend's Highland Mixed Bonspiel were the rink of Gord Dawson, Carol Dawson, Bob Kyle and Carol Kyle.



"C" EVENT WINNERS: Wrapping up the season at the Haliburton Curling Club was the rink of Don Campbell, Margaret Bull, George Bull and Helen Campbell, winners of the C event.



"D" EVENT WINNERS: It was a fine finish for Betty Curry, Les Schell, Ruth Schell and Don Curry as they participated in the Highland Mixed Bonspiel, which ran from Friday to awards-time Sunday afternoon.

Haliburton absent as regular season ends

Continued from page 10

C.T.C. had the league's second best goals against average posting a 3.70 G.A.A. netminder Bob Riddell had a big part in this, playing in all but three games. I.G.A. wasn't far behind with a 3.88 G.A.A., netminder Louis Gyori also missed three games.

In game two it was the feisty Apsley team taking on the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. Apsley played a strong game and the Ponders were lucky to come out with a 6-4 win. For the Ponders it was Bill Watson and Al Finni both with two, Ralph Gould and Bev Billings had singles. Apsley's scorers were Mike Wilson with two, Loners going to Mel MacDonald and Bill Sherman. Bill Watson was the Ponders' top scorer this season with 15 goals and 17 assists for 32 points, one ahead of Ken Ablett with 14 goals, 17 assists for 31 points. Third for the Ponders was Bev Billings with six goals, 19 assists for 25 points. Watson, Ablett and Billings were 6th, 7th, and 9th, respectively in overall league scoring.

Al Gronman was Apsley's top gun with 10 goals, eight assists for 18 points, followed by Mike Wilson with eight goals, eight assists, 16 points and Paul Pilon with 7 goals, 3 assists, 10 points. Unfortunately Pilon crashed into the net and had to leave the game. Hopefully it wasn't too serious and he'll be back for next week's playoff.

In game three the Haliburton Hawks were to take on Rainbow

Auto Glass, but the Hawks came up short of players and had to forfeit the game. Bruce Fleck was Rainbow's best player this season with 13 goals and 14 assists for 27 points, 8th best in the league. Right behind him were Paul Ellis with 11 goals, 11 assists, 22 points and

Stewart Semple with 9 goals, 12 assists, 21 points.

Mark March 26 on your calendar because you won't want to miss the exciting playoff action in Wilberforce. At 7:00 p.m. first place overall Haliburton Hawks will take on Bancroft Canadian Tire for the 'A' Division. Golden Ponders take on Bancroft I.G.A. for the 'B' at 8:00 and at 9:00 Rainbow Auto Glass will meet Apsley for the 'C' division.

Turner finishes fourth in All-Ontario skate

Haliburton's Erin Turner finished fourth overall in the All-Ontario Interclub Figure Skating Championships in Pickering last weekend in the pre-juvenile category.

The 11-year-old Haliburton Figure Skating Club member came eighth in the figures category and fourth in freestyle for the placing out of a dozen skaters from around the province.

Minden's dance duo of Julie Vanderlip and Tristan Pawluch finished eighth overall in the preliminary mixed dance competition, garnering a fourth-place vote from one of the five judges. The two are now busy preparing for the Scarborough Skates competition that will be held next month.

They also skated in the 'Make it a date to skate' competition

held March 14-15 in North Bay and placed second in the preliminary dance competition. Pawluch also finished first in the preliminary men's freestyle and he and Katrina Matyssek placed first in the preliminary mixed pairs category.

Also last weekend, five HFSC skaters competed in the Fenelon Folies, with Cassandra Nimigon taking top honours in the Pre-Novice C class, Tanya Hunter finished third in the 'Fraggles' category, Charlyn Irvine placed seventh in the 'Little Rascals' class, Kelly Dawson came third in 'Ghostbusters' and her sister Terry finished fifth in the 'Glowworms' category.

This weekend is carnival weekend for both the HFSC and the Minden Figure Skating Club, with both events slated for 2 p.m. on Sunday at their respective arenas.

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Welfare roll declines slightly

number of people relying on assistance is nearly double that.

However, requests for various assistance dropped from 137 in January to 99 in February. Seventy-two cases were closed in February, and four applications were ineligible.

All this cost the county department \$261,250 in February, of which the province pays 80 per cent.

Tax support

In a letter to council, the co-chairman of the Haliburton County Tax Coalition, Gary Kenney, writes: "Your proposal to hold an open public meeting to discuss and present the new county budget is a welcome step in democracy and a chance to share

the load with our leaders.

"May we offer you support and/or assistance in your brave approach."

In a rut

Sherborne et al Deputy-reeve Hans Liebmann jokingly asked the chairman of the roads committee, Anson, Hindon and Minden Deputy-reeve Lewis Stevens, if the potholes 200 feet east of the county office were going to be filled "or whether I have to send the bills for car repair to the county." The potholes in question are on Newcastle Street, which is AHM's responsibility. Stevens said that if the municipality could get the higher rate of provincial funding that the county gets, that may one day be possible.

Earlier, Stevens announced that the Minister of Transportation will be taking a tour of county roads on May 29. "We're proud of our county and I want to make

sure he is too. We'll take him on all the good roads so he can see how beautiful the county is and the bad roads so he can see how we're going to spend the money they're going to give us."

Recycling

Now that the Waste Management Master Plan has been put on hold for a year, the chairman of the waste management committee says more effort must be put into reducing the amount of garbage that goes into our landfill sites.

With the current economic situation, the postponement was "a reality with which must live," says Sherborne et al Reeve Ross Rabjohn. The public liaison committee, which works with the county's committee of all reeves, will still be funded, and the two committees' priorities will likely be establishing county-wide policies for recycling and landfill site operations.

Hyland Crest tubs

J.D. Robinson Construction of Haliburton has been awarded the contract to build the new bathing facilities at Hyland Crest. The contract is for \$148,000 plus GST and construction should begin the first of May. However, more money — \$57,000 to be precise — still needs to be raised publicly to pay for the equipment inside the facilities. The senior citizens' home has several fundraising activities planned.

Training boards

Council passed a motion saying that with the province's proposed new training boards, there should be a field office in Haliburton County with a staff supervisor. Also, all 10 municipalities should be included in the board representing the county. At present, it's proposed the eastern half of the county would be linked with North Hastings.



REWARDING GOOD SERVICE: John Coneybeare of Coneybeare Motors in Haliburton was recently awarded one of the top distinctions for Arctic Cat snowmobile dealers. Craig Stewart, left, presented him with an Arctic Circle of Excellence trophy, shaped like an iceberg, for Top Cat Service. Coneybeare Motors is one of the few dealerships in Canada to be singled out for the following: attractive service area with all tools neatly displayed; outstanding service achievements; local advertising; up-to-date service bulletins and materials; and attendance at the current year's service seminar. Understandably, Coneybeare is extremely proud of the award.

Foot clinic service now more frequent

Haliburton residents with serious foot disorders will find some comfort in St. Joseph's Hospital's decision to open a chiropody clinic at the Haliburton Hospital.

Chiropody (pronounced ka-ROP-o-dee) is the treatment of foot disorders such as corns, bunions and other ulcerations caused by diabetes and arthritis. Chiropodist Kathy Ferguson said the first clinic will be held on April 9 between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and she and fellow chiropodist Christi Panabaker will return each week at the same time.

"We have been coming to Haliburton about once every two months but we believe there is a need to step up the service," Ferguson said. "We'll start coming up once a week and will assess the demand after that."

She said patients do not need a referral from a doctor but stressed that it is meant for serious disorders only. Chiropodists do not conduct bone surgery, but do some surgery to remove in-grown toe nails and also use laser treatment to cure other disorders.

Correction

The Community Enrichment Forum's workshop on the 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in North America is tonight, Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Incorrect information appeared in last week's paper.

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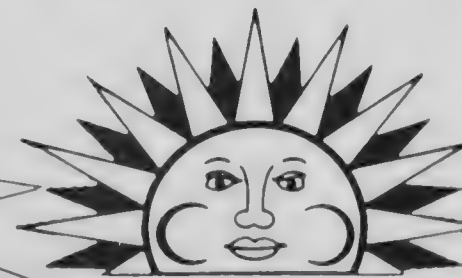
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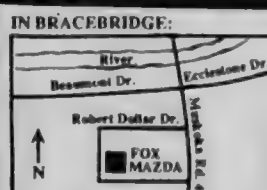
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THIS WEEK

Putting his two cents in

Darcy Connaughan speaks up about new Stedmans logo

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

WHEN DARCY CONNAUGHAN speaks, people listen.

Just ask the president of the company that owns the chain of Stedmans variety stores where Connaughan works part-time.

When American hardware wholesaler Cotter & Co. bought the financially-troubled Macleod-Stedman Inc. earlier this year, they changed the name of the variety stores to Stedmans V & S and decided to change the logo.

But the 18-year-old OAC student didn't like it.

Connaughan felt the new company would be better served if it incorporated a maple leaf into the logo for the Canadian stores, so he wrote to company president Bob Nolawski and told him.

Low and behold, the new sign they'll be putting up at Stedmans V & S stores across Canada soon will have the old stylized 'S' with the words "Stedmans V & S Department Stores" along with — you guessed it — a maple leaf.

"I like to put my two cents in," the bright young businessman-to-be said during an interview at the Haliburton store. "I guess you could say that I believe two heads are better than one and I thought I could help enhance the company's image."

Actually, Connaughan met Nolawski at the meeting where the takeover plans were announ-

ed and the HHSS student found the new Chief Executive Officer to be "down to earth" and open to what other people thought.

"I feel it may be especially important to show Canadians the pride this company has of being in Canada," Connaughan said in his letter. "This way, the people in Canada will not see the chain as an 'American Invasion.'"

With just three months of high school to go, Connaughan plans to pursue a career in retail management next and will study at a community college starting in the fall.

"I enjoy working for my dad and mom (Vince and Rose Connaughan, who own the Minden and Haliburton Stedmans stores) but I want my own business," he said. "I'm getting lots of hands-on experience now and I want to have the satisfaction of building my own."

Last April, Connaughan lost the sight in his right eye when a fluorescent lightbulb he was changing at the store blew up and pieces of it punctured his retina.

But that won't stop him. In fact, it won't even slow him down.

"I still can't see anything and the doctors all tell me everything's been done that can be," he said. "I just hope that it will eventually get better, but I imagine someday there may be something new that can help me."

Connaughan said he's finding school tougher



this year, but not because of his eye. It's because he works at the store so much. He usually works over 20 hours a week at the store, helping out however he can — in the toy department or in the

business office.

Until he has his own business, the youngest Connaughan is content helping his parents. And the company when he thinks it needs help.

"I feel it may be especially important to show Canadians the pride this company has of being in Canada"



Shoppers, such as Lenore Gillespie, are enjoying low grocery prices

Grocery prices lower this year, only the keen notice

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Haliburton shoppers are paying substantially less for their grocery items this year, but few, if any, realize it.

"Prices started dropping in the fall and they kept going down for quite awhile," Chuck O'Neil of the Haliburton IGA says. "There's been a substantial decrease in the price of meat, produce and grocery items across the board and the drop has cut our profit margins by about 60 percent."

Mike Easton of the Haliburton Value Mart says he's also been dropping prices for about the past

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noticeable these days because people's buying habits have changed with the recession. They're buying more items on special and are choosing less-expensive brands and grades, such as round steak instead of T-bone."

five months, attributing the fall to a province-wide pricing war initiated to win customers during the current economic recession.

But an informal poll conducted on Highland Street by *The Echo* last week found that none of 15 people surveyed realized grocery prices were lower now than last year.

"Only the real keen shoppers would notice the drops," O'Neil says. "And it might not be as

Cross-border shopping, he says, is another factor that led Ontario's grocery store chains to drop prices, as stores near the border tried to stop the flood of shoppers to the U.S. and then the rest of the province had to follow suit.

O'Neil and Easton say they'll have to focus on improving efficiency and customer service to attract shoppers to make up for their decreasing profit margins.



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THIS WEEK

Alcohol not what ads make it seem

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Who is Norbert Georget?
The students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School finally found out a few weeks ago as the former ambulance paramedic told them what he thinks about drinking and driving.

"If you drink and drive, you'll be lucky if you are brought down to the station and given a breathalyzer," he told the students. "Otherwise, you'll probably undergo an autopsy."

HHSS's Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) group invited Georget to speak. Their posters around the school said simply: "Who is Norbert Georget?" creating a sense of mystery.

And Georget wasn't just another speaker.

"All week long, we were building him up and he surpassed what we had imagined," said Grade 10 student Ted O'Connell, HHSS's OSAID president.

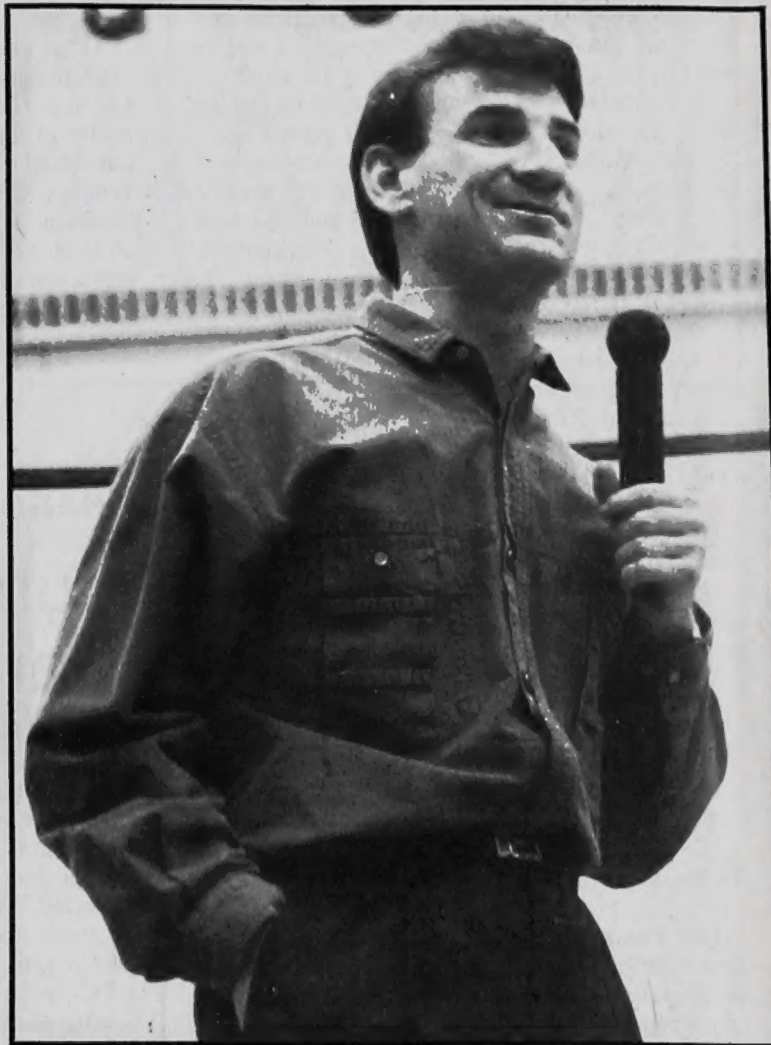
With a routine not unlike a stand-up comedian, Georget used personal experiences from his ambulance days along with slides and jokes to show the pain that often results when people drink and drive.

Near the end of his hour-and-a-half presentation, he brought out another prop — a body bag.

"I've spoken to a lot of students over the years and over 30 of them have wound up in one of these (body bags)," he said. "This one, in fact, was used for one of my students."

Georget started the Ambulance Student Awareness Program seven years ago as a hobby on his days off while working with a Saskatoon ambulance service as an advanced EMT-paramedic. It has since turned into a full-time commitment and he has spoken to nearly 250,000 students across Canada and the U.S. and is a frequent guest on radio and TV talk shows.

"I don't use scare tactics," he told *The Echo* after his presentation, "I simply try to show them the pain associated with alcohol



"I try to show the pain associated with alcohol"

Norbert Georget

because kids are so used to seeing only the pleasure on TV and in ads. They never see the pain."

Georget was received enthusiastically by HHSS's Grade 9 to OAC students, but he is never fooled by the response he gets.

"Hopefully, they listened and what I said will probably have a

short-term effect on them. I try to use a variety of things so various parts of my presentation will effect different students."

Georget didn't show blood and guts, but his visuals were nevertheless very telling. They showed the damage caused by drinking and driving — masses of twisted metal

with a dead body somewhere inside.

Georget told the students about some of the accidents he was called to and what he saw: the 18-year old who had been "out to have a good time," the 60-year-old couple who were snuffed out by a drunk driver in the middle of the day, the young 14-year-old girl who got in a car with some drunk friends — but never got out.

"What's the worst thing I've ever seen?" he asked himself. "I don't even want to think about it."

He said teens are "sucked in" by adults about how fun drinking is. Alcohol is a drug, he said, and when you get drunk, you overdose.

Throughout his presentation, Georget demanded the full attention of all of the students. If someone wasn't paying attention, he asked them to.

He also asked the students why they thought people drink alcohol.

"It's fun," they said. "Peer pressure." "Because it's there."

"Some people say they drink alcohol because they like the taste," Georget said. "I like to drink Coke, but I don't drink 15 bottles in one night because I like the way it tastes."

Then he asked why they thought people chose not to drink.

"So we can drive," one student replied. "So we can be better at sports," said another. "So we can keep control."

Georget told the students "You're not born winners, and you're not born losers — you're born choosers."

He got lots of laughs Friday afternoon, but there was also a lot of silence when he showed pictures of people burnt to death inside vehicles. There wasn't a peep when he showed pictures of a morgue.

Georget also talked about drugs,

suicide and sex, once again telling the students they should make decisions for themselves and not to please their friends.

"I think he made us all more aware," O'Connell said. "That's what we're trying to do with OSAID."

O'Connell said he got involved with the group after a close friend was killed by a drunk driver, so he knows the pain Georget was talking about.

"It was worth coming," a Grade 9 student said. "He was a good speaker and the pictures really drove his points home."

But Georget knows he has an uphill battle.

"I can't convince all of you," he told the students. "But I've got to try."

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THIS WEEK

Writer's criticism unjust, reader responds

MORE LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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of bad mouthing our community and poor-me attitude. The signs entering Haliburton don't say, *Welcome to Haliburton, home of the dead and penniless*, or as you put it "pensioners and low income." It just says welcome to Haliburton Highlands. Yes there are a lot of retired people here all right, but they have worked all their life and are now enjoying their hard earned retirement. And, I might add, they're also paying their own way and supporting the community.

It really ticks me off that people think that they were born poor so we stay poor. Nobody controls your life or your destiny; you made your bed so I guess you'll have to sleep in it. Just consider yourself lucky that the good old tax payers of Haliburton County are putting that roof over your head and food on your table.

And as far as your words about our council drinking coffee and sitting on their butts, I would like to suggest that while they're sitting there, they should create work programs for people who are on these social benefits, such as mother and father allowance and welfare, and have these people work 40 hours a week for their cheques like every one else. Then they could clean up and fix these so called terrible sidewalks and streets that seem to bother you.

As far as the issues about Erick's Taxi are concerned, I am inclined to appreciate the good business sense of reeve Chris Hodgson; "we need to compete with service not price." This is the way of the future in all businesses and if we want Haliburton to be noticed for its progressiveness and beauty, then we all had better learn to keep up with the times and pull together and stop trying to lay the blame on someone else.

I believe people such as Ms. Williams stand alone in trying to blame Haliburton for their own mistakes. If you don't like our system then maybe you should go back to Toronto . . . (where it is so safe and friendly and people there bend over backwards to help you!!!)

Jon Hicks,
Haliburton.

To the Editor:

I have noted the news story where Dysart will purchase 7500 landfill site permit stickers at 20 cents each which Dysart et al ratepayers will attach to their vehicle's window.

This is a cost of \$1,500 or \$3,000 on the basis of 2 per household. Not with my tax money.

Has this scheme been properly thought out?

What does the household do when the "stickered vehicle" is in the city or elsewhere?

What about guests who take the garbage to town while visiting as a favour to their hosts.

What about people who are renting cottages?

What about the family at the cottage while the parent in the "stickered car" is somewhere else working?

Sorry folks back to the drawing board.

J.G. Strickland,
Scarborough.

A perspective on rivalry

To the Editor:

The Puck stops here!

I am the person responsible for the seemingly unfortunate use of the term arch-rival (in describing an upcoming Novice C hockey game between Minden and Haliburton) I therefore feel obligated to respond to the concerns raised by Maureen Johnson.

To put the record straight, the use of "archival" was in no way intended to imply that a "feuding" relationship existed between these two teams, or in fact, the two communities of Haliburton and Minden.

Mrs. Johnson appears to have confused the term "archival" with that of "arch-enemy". I too have a dictionary.

Arch means chief; rival means "one who competes with another to achieve the same thing."

A competitive spirit is nothing to be ashamed of. Our games with Minden have always been friendly and sportsman like (speaking for the Novice C's only.)

Mrs. Johnson has every right to lash out at "narrow-minded" people who promote a wrong-thinking view of other communities. However, I think it is unfair that my article should be perceived as a spring board for such an attack.

ed as a spring board for such an attack.

Considering the sad state of our social and economic situation as Mrs. Johnson so rightly describes it, can we not simply enjoy the anticipation of a good hockey game between two well-behaved teams for what it is — just good fun!

What has this to do with "senseless feuding"? Knowing Mrs. Johnson to be a woman of integrity and sensitivity I can only assume that she was motivated to write her letter out of a deep concern for both communities. I share those concerns.

Hockey to me is the essence of everything that is uniquely Canadian in a country striving to maintain a sense of direction and identity. What happens to us if we lose our sense of humor?

By the way, Haliburton kept its winning streak alive, squeaking by Minden 2-1. The boys put out a great effort on both sides. An enjoyable game don't you think?

I don't recall seeing any "fighting nations" in the stands either.

To put this issue in perspective, perhaps we both should be sent to the penalty box for too many pens on the ice.

Jim Chalmers,
(Haliburton's short lived writer
for the Novice C's).

Coverage appreciated

To the Editor:

The Youth Education Committee for Legion Branch 129, wish to thank the *Echo* most sincerely for all your efforts on the annual Public Speaking competition. The aim of the program is to *Encourage* students to try their best in the technique of speaking out in front of an audience, an "art" which can only be learned through experience. We hope and feel this program will assist the students to gain assurance and certainty as they gain in their pursuit of standing up and being counted.

For this to be accomplished, these students need the groundwork supplied through the stimulation given by teachers, family and other interested persons to develop this type of confidence. These individuals, the teachers, parents, sisters, brothers, judges, scorekeepers, timekeepers, reporters, and observers all provide the necessary encouragement

for these young people to cultivate their individual characteristics.

Again, this year's competition was most enjoyable, entertaining and informative. All those who attended, I'm sure, must have been stimulated by the high quality of character these students from our Haliburton school system have revealed. Thank you for all your assistance in helping make this a quality filled occasion for the students, for the parents, for the other observers and for the Legion. We greatly appreciate your contributions towards this event, your effective service to us and for us.

Jan Shipley,
Co-Chairman for Public Speaking.

SHARON LYNCH

Humour those March Crazies!

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the jeep.

Clive gave them all a friendly wave, careful not to take his eyes off his work for more than a split second. Jessie's plough, mounted on her front, was busy pushing the soft snow down to the base of the driveway. The skies had cleared completely once the snow stopped and the moonlight made it easy for Clive to see what he was doing with Jessie.

This was a good thing, considering Jessie had no headlights. Clive had however, in the interest of safety, placed an oil lantern on Jessie's left rear fender. The snow had melted around the lantern's base, then froze in the cold so the light was frozen in place. This was a good thing, since it was not supported or attached to Jessie in any way.

As Clive noted, the lantern was at his mother's request. She was concerned that while Clive could see quite well in the moonlight, other vehicles would not see him without a light. "You know how people get a little funny this time of year," remarked Clive. "My mother has a case of the March crazies, so I humour her till spring."

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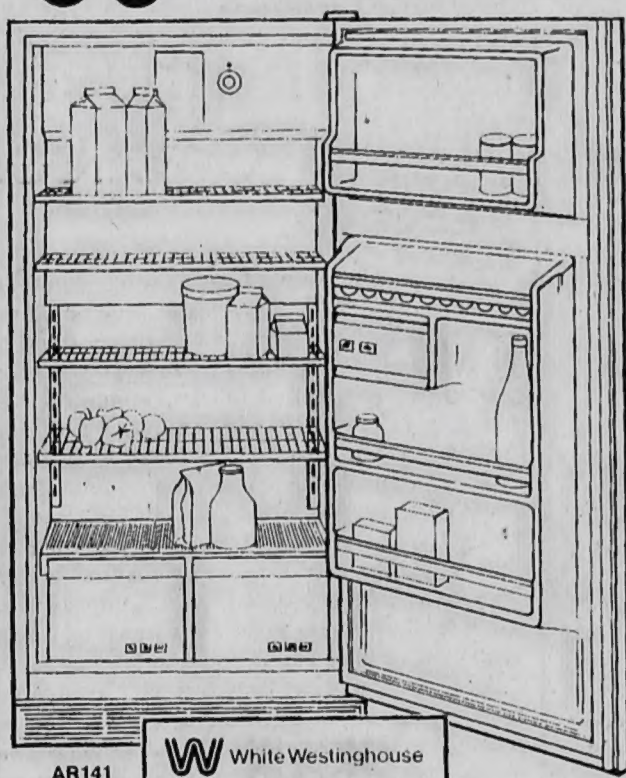
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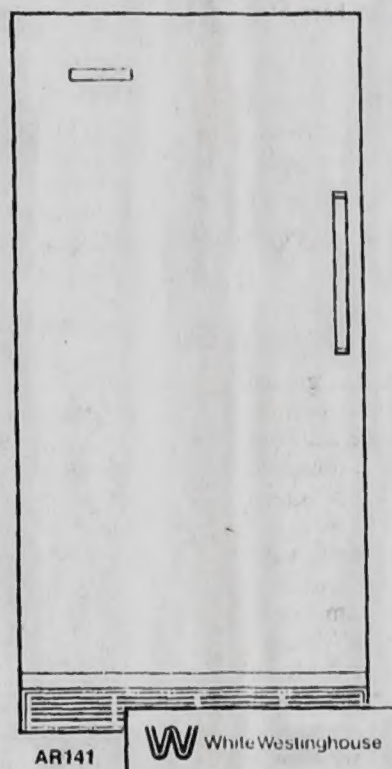
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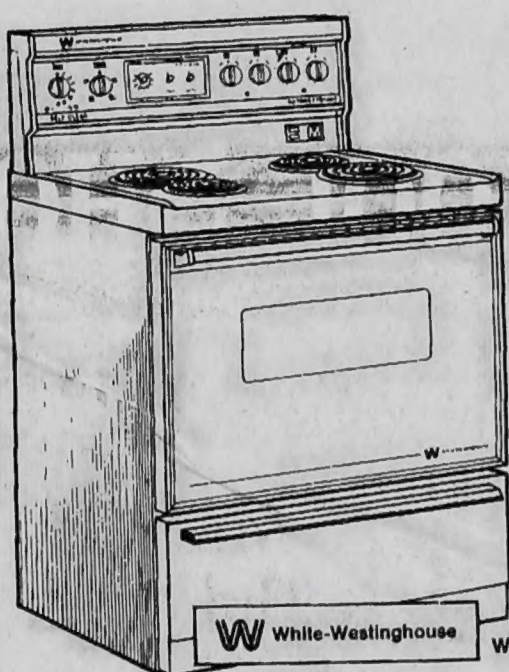
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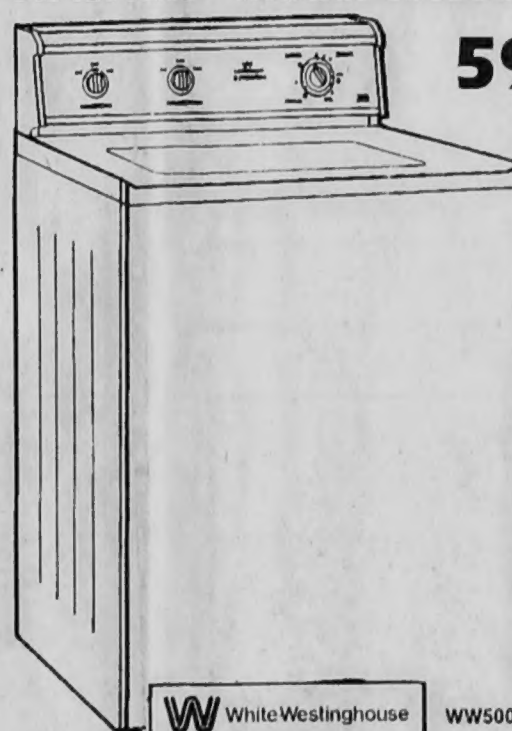
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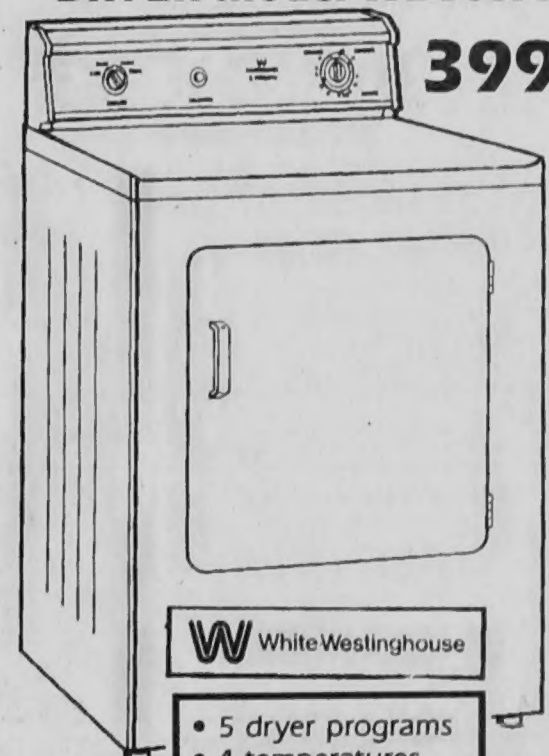
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